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BRADFORD SECTION.

VOL. III.

CHAPTER I.

DESCRIPTIVE.

THE acreage according to Lang, in 1760, was 277 a. 2 r. 20 p., Lord's measure.

Johnson's Survey in 1820 gave the area of the township as 262 acres, Rickman in 1831 computed it at 260, the Tithe Commissioner in 1851, 279 acres, and the Ordnance Surveyors 287 a. 3 r. 15 p.

BRADFORD IN 1820.

JOHNSON'S Manchester Parish Map in 1820 shows the main access between Newton and Bradford townships to have been by an "Iron Bridge," where Hulme Hall Lane crossed the River Medlock.

Entering the township thus from the north, the lane had to the east of it three buildings on the bank of the river, and one adjoining the lane. The Ordnance Survey in 1845 gives the name of Mill Lane to this continuation of Hulme Hall Lane, from the river to the "Manchester, Stockport, and Ashton-under-Lyne Canal," and the buildings to the east by the river side are marked "Bradford Hall," and the house by the road-side was "Steam Engine Tavern." "Victoria Gardens" were on the west side of the lane and extended to the river.

The traditions respecting this lane and its northerly and southerly extensions, are dealt with under the heading of Pink Pank Lane in the Kirkmanshulme section, *post.* See also the Saltersgate (mentioned in a Deed executed about 1282), described under the head of Lord Lane in the Failsworth section, *ante,* vol. ii., part ii., p. 245.

Beyond the canal, Mill Lane had three buildings in the easterly angle, and another in the field on the west side.

About half-way between the canal and the road, which formed the westerly continuation of Butler's Lane through Beswick, Mill Lane had on the east side a coal pit and building, and on the west side two coal pits with two buildings, which were probably engine houses.

These are marked "Bradford Colliery" on the 1845 map. Another coal pit is indicated by Johnson (1820) in the easterly recess at the end of the lane. This recess and coal pit had been superseded in 1845 by the new road to Ashton-under-Lyne.

At this point Mill Lane turned to the west and passed through Beswick and Holt Town, and so into Manchester, and by Butler's Lane into Newton Lane, otherwise Oldham Road.

About half-way between this turning and the Beswick boundary, "Bradford Lane" branched southwardly to Ashton Old Road, and about half-way down Bradford Lane, Johnson's map in 1820 indicates a coal pit in the field to the west, with two buildings adjoining the lane on the east, and a little further on two more buildings standing back slightly from the road.

These latter buildings were in 1845 marked "Bradford Bleach Works," and Johnson's map in 1820 shows two more (now the Grey Mare Inn), in the easterly angle of Bradford Lane, otherwise Grey Mare Lane, and the Ashton Road.

With the exception of a small building on the banks of the Medlock, near Bank Bridge Print Works, these were the only roads and buildings recorded by Johnson in 1820.

BRADFORD IN 1855 AND LATER.

MR. HIGSON asks in *A Walk to and in Prestwich* (*Ashton Reporter*? July 30, 1859):—"What can be worse than the aspect of Bradford and Beswick? Here are chemical works, colliery, iron forge, factory, and the like, with their concomitants of smoke, filth and squalor. Brick kilns, clay pits, midden heaps, pinched back-yards, and ill-paved or unpaved streets in

abundance." A similar description was given in 1856, when the Enquiry was held which led to the formation of the Local Board of Health.

In 1855 four years before thus painting the place's picture, Mr. Higson had on October 11 contributed to the *Manchester Guardian* an article entitled *The Township of Bradford*, from which the following particulars are taken :—

On part of the south side, Sherrat's Brook divided Bradford from Openshaw.

In 1855 Bradford and its westerly neighbour, Beswick, both formed part of the Newton Heath Registrar's district, and in 1842 Bradford elected one Guardian to the Manchester Poor Law Union, but when Prestwich Union was formed in 1850 (*ante*, vol. ii., part ii., p. 326), both Bradford and Beswick were transferred to it.

Bradford is supposed to have taken its name from a Broad-ford over the Medlock at the end of Mill Lane, and the ford was styled broad in contrast to the narrow and steep ford which lay a little lower down the river where Beswick Bridge now stands. Mill Lane, which runs from the ford to Ashton New Road, took its name from Bradford Mill, which was situated close by the present bridge, which supersedes the old ford.

In 1855 old inhabitants still remembered the use of Mill Lane and Grey Mare Lane by pack horses.

Shortly after the Conquest, Bradford became part of the Barony of Manchester, and the *post mortem* inquisition held in 1282 (10 Edw. I.), found that Robert Grelle, lord of Manchester, died that year seised of demesne land called Bradford.

After referring to the entries relating to Bradford in the Survey and Extent of Manchester Manor in 1322 (*post*), Mr. Higson remarks that the right of fishing in the Medlock was preserved, and according to memories living in 1855, the river contained an abundance of eels, trout, and other kinds of fish, but they had disappeared since the erection of numerous dyeworks.

There were two small bleach crofts and one large one in

Grey Mare Lane, occupied by Mr. Robert Ryder, who was a linen webster, and resided at Crab Lane, Blackley.

On September 30, 1780, Mr. Ryder took from Peter Brooke of Astley, Esq. (owner of the township), a lease of Low's tenement in Bradford, from Candlemas 1781 to Candlemas 1802, at £70 yearly rent. The farm contained 28 a. 3 r. 25 p. Lancashire measure, and had been lately occupied by Jas. Fildes. Mr. Ryder was not to plough more than six acres and was to keep a hound, beagle, or other dog, if required, and to send to Mr. Brooke at Astley Hall a score of live carp or tench yearly from the bleach-works reservoir, or pay 7*s*. instead.

The lease included the old Plough Inn, for which the licence had been discontinued. This was relicensed as The Grey Mare in honour of the horse Mr. Ryder used to ride on for many years from Blackley to Bradford. A rindle or stream of pure spring water from Clayton Hall demesne, supplied the bleach-works which Mr. Ryder established.

He died in 1812, and was succeeded by his son, Mr. John Ryder. [The father must not be confused with Mr. Robert Rider of Cheetham Hill, who died January 15, 1827, aged ninety-seven, and who was buried at St. Thomas's, Gorton, on January 20th].

In Grey Mare Lane there was also in 1855 a tannery, and the following works contributed to Bradford's prosperity but not to its salubrity, viz:—Sharp, Murray & Co., check cambrey manufacturers; Edwd. and Robt. Prichard, smallware manufacturers; Edwd. Rowe and Sons, large weaving shed; The Patent Sewage Guano Co.; Saml. Ramsbottom, dyer; John Crook and John McKinnon, prussiate manufacturers; John Belteel, creosote works; and Robt. Williams & Co., firebrick manufacturers in Rhodes Street.

The Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham Canals were formed in 1792–9, and pass through Bradford, to the east of which the Stockport Branch Canal diverges southwards at Clayton, and further east another branch runs northwards through

Failsworth to Hollinwood from Fairfield in Droylsden township.

On July 6, 1831, Richd. Bradley died in a cottage near Bradford Colliery, aged 95. He was born at Stoneyhurst, and when fifteen he came to Manchester and learnt Dutch loom-weaving, and was for seventy-one years in one employ. In the *Gentleman's Magazine* he is said to have died on August 4th, and to have been aged 104.

About 1830 Wm. Blackshaw was buried at Newton Heath Chapel, after being employed by Messrs. Ryder for over fifty years.

The Bradford Township Meetings used to be held at Mr. Ryder's house, by the ingle-nook, and the appointment of Overseers and other parochial business was peaceably transacted there with the help of tankards of home-brewed beer.

In 1855 the churchless inhabitants were described as devoting their Sundays to pigeon flying, dog racing, fighting, and playing pitch and toss.

On the erection of the Church of St. Barnabas, Openshaw, in 1839, Bradford was wholly assigned as part of the district of that Church.

In 1830 the Manchester Grosvenor Street Wesleyan Circuit included Bradford and Droylsden (Slugg's *Reminiscences*, p. 167). On the Bradford side of Ashton New Road the Wesleyan Methodists, prior to 1855, erected a schoolroom which was usually called Clayton School. It was at one time used as a day school by Mr. Dawson, until he went to Ireland.

In 1842 the Wesleyan Association Methodists had 9 male and 10 female teachers, and 125 male and 125 female scholars. In 1849 they built a capacious Chapel which was used for Sunday School purposes, attended by 25 teachers and 235 scholars, and it was also used as a Day School when Mr. Dawson left Clayton School.

In 1854 a Mechanics' Institution was established, but was not very successful.

In 1834 there were six private Day Schools.

The Bradford Colliery, which was formerly in the occupation of Thomas Porter, Esq., had been in 1855 for many years occupied by Johnson, Livesey and Lawton.

Lady Hoghton (owner of the township) placed £1,000 in the hands of the first Bishop of Manchester to endow a new church to be built in Bradford, and verbally expressed to her successor a wish that he would provide a site for the church. (See Christ Church, Bradford, in vol. i., p. 51).

In May, 1845, the Committee for the formation of public parks in Manchester, bought from Lady Hoghton for £6,200, thirty-one acres of the Bradford estate, and converted them into Philips Park. Thus ends Mr. Higson's description.

In 1808 reservoirs were constructed at Bradford by the Manchester and Salford Waterworks Co., but were demolished the same year. (Axon, *Manchester Annals*, p. 140).

The Bradford-cum-Beswick Tollbar was removed October 31, 1884. (*op. cit.*, p. 408).

CHAPTER II.

PERSONS.[1]

ON June 25, 1626, Isabel d. of *John Beswick* of Bradford, was baptised at Manchester Collegiate Church.

On October 6, 1646, George Wright of Bradford, yeoman, was made a member of the Manchester Presbyterian Classis.

In 1655 there were eleven ratepayers in Bradford, including *Adam Hope, Ellis Hope, Mr. Booker, Widow Booker, Widow Booker the younger, James Chorleton, Roger Worthington and John Wright.*

[1] Many other Bradford records will be found on consulting the Index to volume i. and ii.

Between 1666 and 1706 the dilapidated and imperfect old Register at Newton Chapel names (amongst the Baptismal records) the following parents as residing in Bradford. A fuller digest of the baptisms is given on pp. 90-96, in vol. i., *ante.*

Andrew, John
Barker, James
Bloomiley, Richard
Booker, Thomas
Bowker, Jeremy
" Sarah
Cawdall, Richard
Chernock, Edward
Chetham, John
Chorlton, James
" Widow
Clough, John
Fletcher, Roger
Holland, Elizabeth
" Widow
Hope, James
" Thomas
Hopwood, Richard
Howarth, Robert
Hunt, Robert
Jackson, Matthew
Naylor, James
Prestwich, Thomas
Reed, Thomas
Rie (Reed?), Thomas
Schofield, James
Sharples, Edward
" John
" Thomas
Smith, Daniel
Tilsley, Thomas
Whitehead, Richard
Wright, John

Between 1608 and 1800, the List of Wills, &c., at Chester, as published by the *Lanc. and Ches. Record Society*, includes the following entries:—As those volumes deal with them in chronological order, and give no further information, the number of the volume and page are here omitted.

Bennett, Nicholas, of Bradford, Manchester, yeoman, adm. 1727.
Bowker, John, of Bradford, in Manchester [parish], feltmaker, administration under £40 personalty with Inventory, 1699.
Chorlton, James, of Bradford, under £40 Inventory, 1675; Joan of Bradford, widow, adm. under £40, 1673; William, of Bradford, husbandman, Will and Inv. (in Diocesan Registry), 1664.
Heap, Alice, of Bradford, parish of Manchester, 1608.
Heigh, Edward, of Bradford, 1695.
Higginson, Charles, of Bradford, farmer, under £40, 1775.
Holland, Peter, of Bradford, Manchester, adm. under £40 with Inv., 1707; Peter, of Bradford, Manchester, under £40, 1716.
Hope, Thomas, of Bradford, 1679; Thomas, son of Thomas, of Bradford, tuition [under age], 1679; Daniel, of Bradford, 1680; Elizabeth, of Bradford, 1680; John, of Bradford, 1681; Thomas, of Bradford, tuition [under 21], 1681; Mary, of Bradford, widow, with Inv., 1724; Alice, of Bradford, adm. with Inv., 1727.
Mellor, William, of Bradford, par. Manchester, yeoman, 1676.
Sharples, John, of Bradford, par. Manchester, feltmaker, adm. 1771.
[Thomas, son of Jonathan Sharples, of Bradford, hatter, entered the Manchester Grammar School, June 21, 1743].
Shaw, Elizabeth, of Bradford, spinster, adm. 1739.
Thorpe, Anne, of Bradford, co. Lanc., Inv., 1669; Thomas, of Bradford, par. Manchester, husbandman, adm. with Inv., 1672; Ellen, of Bradford, par. Manchester, Inv., 1675.

CARRUTHERS.

MR. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS in 1837 owned and occupied a house in Bradford which was assessed to the Newton Chapel Rate at £50. His name also appears in Slater's *Manchester Directory*, 1845, as having his house in Bradford, and a cotton spinning and doubling mill in Carruthers Street, Canal Street, Ancoats.

HOPE FAMILY.

ON Nov. 22, 1572, Joan or Johanna Hope of Manchester, widow, daughter and co-heir of Richard Tippinge, late of Manchester, enfeoffed Ralph Slade of Clifton, Ellis Hope of Bradford, Roger Bexwicke of Manchester, yeoman, and others of a croft of land in Manchester.

The Manchester Registers as extracted in the Owen *MSS.*, vol. 79, include the following baptismal entries :—

1608, Apr. 10, Ellis, s. of Thos. Hope of Bradford.
1610, Nov. 4, John, s. of ,, ,, ,,
1612, Dec. 20, Mary, d. of ,, ,, ,,
1614, Sept. 4, Adam, s. of ,, ,, ,,
1642–3, Mar. 5, Thos., s. of Ellis Hope of Bradford.
1643, Oct. 12, John, s. of Adam ,, ,, ,,
1649, Sept. 23, John, s. of Ellis ,, ,, ,,
1666, July 22, Margt., d. of Adam ,, ,, Manchester.
1703, Sept. 26, Hannah, d. of James ,, ,, Bradford.

The Newton Registers include the following baptismal entries :—

1669, J. . . . Adam, s. of Jas. Hope of Bradford.
1674–5, Jan. — s. of Thos. ,, ,, ,,
1676, — John, s. of Thos. ,, ,, ,,
1678–9, Mar. 14, — d. of Thos. ,, ,, ,,
1687, — — s. of Jas. ,, ,, ,,
1711, Apr. — s. to Thos. ,, ,, ,,
1716, Sep. 2, Thos., s. to Thos. ,, ,, ,,
1718, Oct. — d. to Thos. ,, ,, ,,

and the marriage in August, 1686, of James Hope of Manchester Parish, to Jane Sandforth of Oldham Parish.

The Manchester Registers record the following marriages :—

1758, Dec. 25, John Hope of N., whitster, and Ann Simister, of Bradf.
1759, Sep. 26, Jas. Hope, of Bradf.. farmer, and Mary Taylor of Cheetham, Licence.
1760, Jan. 31, Thos. Hope of Newt., crofter, and Alice Rider, of Blakeley.
1762–3, Feb. 10, Wm. Hampson of Droylsd., crofter, and Sarah Hope, of Bradf.
1782, Sep. 30, Joseph Hope, carpenter, and Mary Bradley, Bradford.

Also the following burials, all from Bradford :—

1597–8, Jan. 1, Hughe Hope, houshoulder.
1604, Ap. 17, Elize Hoape.
1608, Aug. 3, Alice, wyddowe of Ellis Hope.
1612–3, Jan. 24, Mary, d. of Thos. Hoape.
1613, Sep. 9, Anne, wyffe to Richd. Hoape.
1619–20, Jan. 25, Thos. Hoape.
1640, Nov. 24, Jane, wid. of Thos. Hoape.
1642 — John, s. of Thos. Hoape.
1644, Sep. 12, Thos., s. of Ellis Hope.
1650, July 23, John, s. of Adam Hope.
1655, Sep. 17, Adam Hope.
1665, Nov. 16, Jon^{n}., s. of Adam Hope.
1678, Sep. 30, John, s. of Thos. H.
1679, July 3, Mary, w. of „ „
„ Oct. 4, Thos. H.
„ Nov. 21, Ellis H.
1680, July – Daniel H.
1681, Nov. 2, John Hope.
1691, July 11, Jane, w. of James H.
1695, June 14, Thos., s. of James Hope.
„ July 29, John, s. of „ „
1702, „ 28, Jas., s. of „ „
1702–3, Mar. 8, Anne, d. of „ „
1705–6, Mar. 21, James H.
1707–8, Mar. 16, Alice H., widowe.
1717, Aug. 28, John, s. of Thos. H.
1719, Dec. 12, Alice, d. of Thos. Hoope.
1724, Oct. 3, Mary H., widow.
1736, July 21, Eliz., w. of Thos. H.
1749, Ap. 25, Wm., s. of Jas. H.
1751, Sep. 6, Hannah, w. of James H., aged 44.
1788, Aug. 19, James H., widower, aged 78.

In 1738 Thos. Hope, of Bradford, was a freeholder in Gorton, and in 1753–5 he was a commissioner for the rebuilding of Gorton Chapel.

PRESTWICH.

THE Manchester Registers record the following burials :—

1682, Dec. 20, Mary, wife of Thomas Prestwich of B.; and on the following Jan. 30 and Feb. 5 his daughters, Martha and Rebecca, as if all three had died shortly after one another from some zymotic disease. About the same time there was a Thomas Prestwich of Ardwick.

RYDER.

THE *Manchester Mercury* on Sept. 14, 1813, announced that on Wednesday last, at the Collegiate Church, Mr. John Ryder of Bradford, near this town, was married to Miss Ellen Rostron of Heaton Norris. He was son of Mr. Robert Ryder (*vide ante*, p. 386), and was for many years a warden of Gorton Chapel, and his horses occasionally drew the Gorton rushcart, as Bradford took part in Gorton Wakes, although Bradford was considered to be within the Newton Chapelry.

Mr. Ryder was a bleacher, and in 1834 he was appointed a Trustee of the site of a new Episcopal Sunday School for Gorton.

On July 29, 1677, *Margaret Walkden* of Bradford, spinster, was buried at Manchester; on June 30, 1836, *Chas. Welsh* of Bradford, aged 82, was buried at St. Thomas's, Ardwick; and on July 26, 1843, *Betty Taylor* of Bradford, aged 83, was interred there.

ROBERT WILSON.

MR. WILSON was born at Pontefract in October, 1832. He came to Manchester as a youth, and succeeded Mr. J. Elliott Hodder as clerk of the Local Board of Bradford. For many years the government of the district was defective and disorganised, and gave general dissatisfaction, and stormy scenes

at the board meetings were of almost constant occurrence. Matters subsequently improved, and eventually, in 1885, Bradford was added to the city at the same time as Rusholme and Harpurhey were incorporated. Mr. Wilson also acted as clerk to the Bradford School Board. He took an active part in the prolonged agitation for the equalization of rates in Manchester, which was finally effected in 1897. In recognition of these services, Mr. Wilson was presented by a number of citizens, at a public dinner, with a dressing-case and a purse of one hundred guineas. Mr. Wilson on his retirement lived at Flixton, and then removed to Greenheys, where he died. His remains were cremated. (*Manchester Evening News*, Aug. 22, 1903).

EDWARD WILLIAMS.

MR. EDWARD WILLIAMS was born in Liverpool in 1836, and about 1849 came to Bradford to his uncle, Robert Williams, who was a brick and tile manufacturer in Rhodes Street. His uncle died about 1865. Mr. Williams became a member of the Bradford Local Board shortly afterwards, when the district had a population of about 7,000. He resigned as a protest against the conduct of affairs, but was persuaded to return, and remained a member until the district was amalgamated with Manchester in 1885, when he was elected to represent the Bradford Ward. A further account of his life and his portrait appear in *Manchester Faces and Places*, vol. iv., p. 129–131.

CHAPTER III.

PLACES.

BRADFORD COLLIERY.

COAL has been worked in Bradford for a very long period. It was stated in the *Manchester Guardian* Local Notes and Queries, No. 173, that there were coal mines at Bradford near Manchester in 1610; but that was not their commencement.

In 1593, according to an Indictment[1] of which a copy is preserved amongst the muniments at Manchester Cathedral, a coal pit near the River Medlock at Bradford had been worked by Wm. Culcheth and John Molyneux Esquire [who married Dorothy Booth of Barton], but Nicholas Baguley of Newton, husbandman, had on Sept. 9, 1593, forcibly entered upon Wm. Culcheth's land and constructed a fender or groyne in the river,

[1] Sessio pacis tent apud *Manchester* in Com. Lanc., Coram Ricō *Molyneux* milite, Edwardo *ffyton* milite, Thoma *Holcrofte*, Arō, Ricō *Hollande* armigero, Ricō *Assheton* De Middleton armigero, Rico *Brewreton* De Worseley armigero, ffrancisco *Holte* armigero, Edō *Hopwoode* armigero, Edmundo *ffletewoode* armigero, Alexandro *Reddishe* armigero, Johē *Bradshawe* armigero, Henrico *Radclyffe* armigero, Et Thoma *Leighe* De Ocrington armigro, Justic [&c.] *die Mercurij*, vidz. *decimo sexto* die *Januarij Anno* Regni Dne *Elizabeth* [&c] *Tricesmio sexto.*

Inquisitio capt. ibm p Sacrm Petri *Heywoode*, de Heywoode generosi, Radī *Byrom* de Salforde generosi, Rici *Sharpules* de Sharpules generosi, Rogeri *Wolmersley* de Rogersteede generosi, Johis *Wolstenholme* de Wolstenholme generosi, Johis *Holte* de Balderston generosi, Adam *Pilkington* de Salforde generosi, Edwardi *Shackelocke* de Moston generosi, Georgij *Siddall* de Slade generosi, Jacobi *Buckeley* de Whytefeilde generosi, Thomæ *Byrom* de Salford generosi, Georgij *Nuttall* de Gollynrode generosi, Thome *Key* de Beatelye generosi, Willmi *Culchethe* de Newton generosi, Richardi *Shawcrofte* de Lyme hurst generosi, Radi *Haughton* de Kirkeleies generosi, Et Georgij *Traves* de Manchester, generosi, Juratorū.

Qui dicunt et p'sentant sup sacrm suū Qd *Nichus Baguley* nup de *Newton* in Com. Lanc., *husbandman*, *ix*° die *Septembr*, *Anno* Regni dne *Elizabeth* [&c.] *xxxv*° [1593], vi et armis &c., apud *Bradforde* in Com. Lanc., clm [clausum] *Willi Culcheth* fregit et intravit, et vnu Januū aquaticū, Anglice *a fender*, in quandam aque cursū deposuit, et aquam p pd' aque cursū current. impedivit, et extra

which had obstructed the flow of the water and turned it so that it flooded the coal pit, and so prevented them for a long time from getting coals, *as they had been accustomed to do.*

The Indictment also alleges that Nicholas Baguley was authorised by a warrant from Richard Holland, Esq., J.P., to levy 12*d.* from the goods and chattels of Wm. Culcheth of Newton, gentleman, for the use and sustenance of divers persons of the parishes of Ashton and Oldham who were labouring under the grave disease called The Plague, and when Baguley went to Wm. Culcheth's mansion house on Oct. 11, 1593, he was assaulted and maltreated, and prevented from making the levy.

The Justices on the Bench included Sir Richard Molyneux (brother of John Molyneux joint owner of the mine) and Richard Holland, Esq. (whose warrant had been treated with contempt), and the jury included William Culcheth of Newton, gent., defendant, complainant, and partner of John Molyneux, so both bench and jury seem to have been packed.

A propos of the Plague and destitution, and as an instance

cursū p'd devertit vsq. in quoddam *puteū carbonale*, quondam *Willi Culcheth et Johis Molyneux* ari, Racōne cuius quidem impedicionis in tenta currebat et effluebat, Ita qd p'd Willus Culcheth et Johes Molyneux armigeri carbones in puteo carbonal' effoder et capere non potuer' sicut eis bene licuit et p' antea consueverunt, sed carbones effodere ꝑ magnum tempus impedit' fuer' [&c.].

ET qd cū *Nichus Baguley* virtute cuiusdam p'cept. et mandat sibi ꝑ Ricīn Hollande armiger, vnū Justic [&c.] dat. ad levand quatuor-decim denarios de bonis et cattallis Willi Culcheth de Newton genosi ad vsū et ꝑ sustencone diu⁹saru ꝑsonar in ꝑochijs de *Assheton et Ouldham* in Com p'd existen et adtunc gravi morbo vocat *the plage* laborant' accedisset ad domū manconalem pd *Willi Culcheth apud Newton, xj°* die *Octobr Anno* Regni dce dnē *Regine* nunc *xxxv°* [1593], cū Intenconē ad levand p'd quatuordecim denarior [&c.], tamen *Willus Culcheth* [&c.], vi et armis &c., in . . . . *Nichm Baguley*, in pace dei et dcē dnē Regine [&c], *insult fecit* et ipm̄ maletratavit, et denario pd levare impedivit, et [&c.] Nichm̄ Baguley in exequend p'cept p'd obstupavit, et alia enormia eid Nicho tunc et ibm intulit, ad grave dampnū pd Nichi, ac contra pacem dce dne Regine.

The indictment is endorsed [about 1835, by Canon Wray?]:—"Cannot ascertain this writing." An older endorsement states:—"Thear is in this boxe the ix^th^ of December 1610 xxx^th^ severall pisses of Evydences and other writtinges."

of how history repeats itself, the following extract from a document of half a century later may be compared with the above, and with living recollection of what happened during the terrible period called The Cotton Famine. The document was entitled "A true representation of the present and lamentable condition of the County of Lancaster." It was dated May 24, 1649, and is reprinted in *Civil War Tracts* (Chet. Soc., vol. ii., pp. 278-9), and states:—"In this County hath the plague of pestilence been raging these three years and upwards, occasioned chiefly by the wars. It would melt any good heart to see the numerous swarms of begging poore, and the many families that pine away at home, not having faces to beg. . . . Particularly the townes of Wigan and Ashton, with the neighbouring parts, lying at present under the sore stroak of God in the pestilence. . . . No relief to be had for them in the ordinary course of law, there being none at present to act as Justices of the Peace.[1] [See quotation in full, Sutton's *Humphrey Chetham*, Chet. Soc., NS., vol. 50, p. 326].

On Jan. 16, 1661-2, Thomas, son to John Hilton, slaine at Bradford coal pit, was buried at Manchester; on Nov. 10, 1664, Thomas Greene was buried there, having been slaine at Bradford coal pit.

The coals of Clayton, Bradford, and Collyhurst form what is called the Manchester coal-field, and are probably an elevated mass entirely surrounded by the new red sandstone.

An outlying strip, or band, of the upper new red sandstone intervenes between the Manchester coal-field and that of Denton, Ashton, and Oldham. The western edge of this strip runs from the south, near Openshaw Church, through Clayton, to Bankbridge Dyeworks. The eastern edge of the band runs under Gorton Reservoir by Fairfield to a little west of Medlock Vale.

[1] Justices still "allow" Poor Rates, and were until recently *ex-officio* members of Boards of Guardians. The paupers could apply to Justices direct, over the heads of the Overseers of the Poor, for relief out of the Poor Rates.

Butterworth, in *Statistics of Lancashire*, 1841, says:—"Here [at Bradford] is a rock composed of Cyprus, a small crustaceous animal" (p. 84); and he might have repeated what he states under the head of the adjacent Ardwick, namely:—Several beds of magnesian limestone [close to the south-west portion of Bradford] prevail here, and are remarkable for setting firmly under water; fossil fish have been discovered (p. 83).

John Taylor, in *Geology of Manchester*, 1864, says:—One of the best sections of the Permian formation in the neighbourhood of Manchester is in Medlock Vale. At this point the coal measures lie about 240 yards below. These Permian beds contain layers of gypsum and limestone, interlaying with the red sandstone, thus showing the physical conditions under which they have originated (p. 62). Further particulars respecting the Ardwick limestone are given by Mr. Taylor at pages 128, 134, 208–10.

Seven beds of the Bradford and Clayton mines have been worked, named Charlotte, Three Quarters, Four Feet, Yard, New, Doctor, and Two Feet.

In Clayton there were two shafts of an average depth of 145 yards, and the produce of the four foot mine in Bradford was suitable only for engine fuel.

Their annual value to the poor was in 1859, £145 16*s.* 8*d.*, realising £7 15*s.*, but out of that Droylsden paid £3 7*s.* 7*d.* to Bradford, as most, if not all, the coals were then obtained underneath Bradford. (Higson's *Droylsden*, p. 16). Near Beswick Street, just out of Mill Street, there were two old disused coal pit shafts.

BRADFORD GRANGE.

In 1855 Mr. Higson, in his article on The Township of Bradford (*Manchester Guardian*, October 11), says the oldest building was a half-timbered wood and plaster, or raddle and daub, farmhouse, in which the daub was replaced by bricks. It had recently been named Bradford Grange.

BRADFORD OLD HALL.

THIS was a moated mansion, smaller, but resembling Clayton Hall in Droylsden. It was close to the river and not far from the factory occupied in 1855 by E. and R. Prichard.

The hall is referred to in the rate book in 1717–8, but was subsequently taken down, and the name was transferred to a farmhouse which James Bottomley occupied from 1769 to 1801.

BRADFORD HOUSE.

THERE was in 1855 a well-built house, which was sometimes called Bradford Hall, or Bradford House, which stood near the end of Grey Mare Lane, which joins the Ashton Old Road two miles from Manchester Exchange.

BRADFORD MILL.

BRADFORD MILL was an ancient soke mill beside the Medlock, not far from the site of Bradford Hall. It gave its name to the present Mill Lane and Mill Brow, opposite the western entrance to Philips Park. There is not a trace left of the mill.

Two documents executed in 1359 (see next chapter), of which Mr. Harland furnished abstracts, state that Roger la Ware, Lord of Mamecestre, and Thos. Wick, Rector of the Church of Mamecestre, granted to Thos. Bothe, of Barton, one rod of land in Newton, lying near Medlock water, opposite his mill in Bradford, on condition that the Rector and his successors might be hopper free at Bradford Mill for the corn used in their *Hospitium* [or guest house ; was it "The Warden's" in Newton Heath?] while residing there. The land was for forming the weir or millrace.

Other documentary mention is made of the mill till 1422, but after that its history is wellnigh a blank.

On Sep. 4, 1600, Richard, son of Wm. Bowker, of ye Bradford mylne, was buried at Manchester Collegiate Church ; and on Feb. 1, 1609–10, Geo. Bowker, of Bradford, mylner ; and on Dec. 8, 1624, Thos. Bowker, of Bradford, were buried there. (Owen *MSS.*, vol. xliv., p. 241).

CHAPTER IV.

EARLY HISTORY.

IN 1282 (10 Edward I.), at the Inq. p. m. of Robert Grelley, lord of Manchester (under a writ dated March 12, directed to Thomas de Normanvill, escheator beyond Trent, who sat at Mamecestre on April 25, 1282), the jury returned that there was a certain plot of demesne lands [of Mamecestre] and herbage which is called Bradford and Brunhull [Brown hill or Burnt hill], worth 40*s.* yearly, also a certain plot called Grenlawmor [Longsight] of the aforesaid demesnes worth 76*s.* 8*d.* yearly. (Farrer's *Lanc. Inquests*, &c., Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc., vol. 48, p. 244; Harland's *Mamecestre*, vol. i. (Chet. Soc., vol. liii.), pp. 143, 156).

Robert Grelley's only son and heir, Thomas, died unmarried in 1313, and Thomas's sister and heiress, Joan, carried Bradford as part of the Barony of Manchester to her husband John la Warre, who was at the Battle of Crecy in 1346, and died in 1347.

In the Extent or Schedule which was made of the Manor of Manchester in 1320, it was recorded that in Bradford there were seventy acres of heath land worth 33*s.*, and a grange which was built there, and an ox-house, which were worth nothing, except to the farmers who made use of them. There were also two acres of meadow worth 2*s.* per acre, as well as fifty-four acres of pasture, which could be ploughed, worth 27*s.*, at 6*d.* per acre, and yet there were there twelve acres which could not be ploughed because they were wooded, worth 4*s.*, at 4*d.* per acre.

The wood of Bradford was several and was worth in pannage, honey from bees, and the like, 6*s.* per annum. The vesture of the same was worth ten pounds, which forest was being

destroyed, and contained a league (mile) in circuit (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., pp. 363, 365, 368, 382, 386, 390). It is highly probable that at that time Newton and Bradford were not distinguished as they now are, and that a good deal of Newton was wooded, especially the Culcheth portion, as its original name of Kirkshaw (Church-wood), denoted.

On January 5, 1331–2 (5 Edw. III.) by Deed executed at Wakerlegh, co. Notts., John la Warre, at the request of his most beloved consort [Joan], gave, granted, and confirmed to John de Salford de Wakerlegh and Alice, his wife, on payment of twenty pounds, the land, meadow, pasture, and wood of Bradford, with appurtenances in Mamcestre, for their lives, by service of ten pounds yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation and St. Michael by equal portions, and yielding to the chief lord of the fee the services therefor due and accustomed; with warranty; witnesses, Sir Warren Latymer, knight, John de Claydone, parson of Mamcestre, Nicholas de Ardene, John de Radeclif, Thos. de Wyke, and others. (Manchester Reference Library).

In 1331 (5 Edw. III. John la Warr executed a letter of Attorney to John de Radcliffe to deliver seisin to John de Salford de Wakerley and Alice, his wife, of lands and woods of Bradford, which he gave them for life; witnesses, Sir Warin le Latimer, Nicholas de Ardena, Thos. de Wike. (Dodsw. *MS.*, 149, fol. 157. A marginal note states that Sir Warin le Latimer married De la Warre's sister).

In 1340 (14 Edw. III.), by Deed Poll executed at Wakerley, John la Warr recorded that lately, at the request of Joan his wife, he gave to John de Salford of Wakerley, and Alice his wife, for life, the land, meadow, and pasture of Bradford in Manchester; and that he gave the same to them and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten; witnesses, Sir John de Claden, parson of the Church of Manchester, Wm. de St. Maur, Thos. de Wike, John de Hulton, Henry B(oterynd).

In 1342 John de Wakerlegh attested a Manchester Deed.

In 1347 (21 Edw. III.), by Deed Poll executed at Wodeheued (Woodhead), Joan, widow of Sir John la Warr, confirmed the above; witnesses, Sir John de Cleydene, Thos. de Wike, John de Dean, Robt. de Worsthorn, John de Lottewyth. (Dodsw. *MS.*, 149, fol. 157). This is apparently the same as the Deed dated 21 Edw. III., 1346–7, whereby Johanna, formerly wife of John la Warre, Lord of Manchester, ratified the entail of lands in Bradford upon John de Salford de Wakerly [Worsley], and Alice his wife. (Raines *MSS.*, vol. xxv., p. 64; Hibbert Ware *Foundations*, vol. iv., pp. 96, 100).

In 1357 John Wakerle, and Alice his wife, granted to Thos. Bothe a rent of £20, out of lands in Wakerle and Tykeford.

In 1357 John de Salford de Wakerley, and Roger his son, gave in trust to Richard de Hull, chaplain, and Roger de Rotherswic [or Gotherswyke in Harpurhey], clerk, all their lands, woods, etc., in Bradford, whereupon those trustees granted to Thos. de Booth and his heirs All the lands and tenements which they had in Bradford, in the vill of Manchester, by the gift and feoffment of John de Salford of Wakerley, and Roger his son; witnesses, Thos. de Strangeways, Gilbert de Chadderton, Robt. de Chorlton, Thos. Bulder [or Bulde]. (Dodsw. *MS.* 149, fol. 160).

In the same year (31 Edw. III.) Sara, sister of John, clerke, of Wakerley, and Avice [daughter] of Roger Wakerley, released to Thos. del Booth of Barton, all right which [each of them] had in the lands in Bradford, which belonged to John and Roger; witnesses, Peter de Sal[ford ?], John de Radcliffe, Thurstan de Holland, Robert de Trafford. (Dodsw. *MS.* 149, fol. 160).

In 1358 John, son of Thos. Both, assigned to John de Workesley, chaplain, all his messuages and lands in Bradford, in the vill of Manchester, which John Both had of the gift of Thomas del Both.

In 1358 (32 Edw. III.) Roger la Warr, lord of Manchester, granted to Thos. de Booth of Barton, all the lands and

tenements in Bradford in Manchester, which he held of the grantor by the gift of Roger de Wakerley, and Margery his wife, by fine levied in the King's Court; witnesses, Thos. de Wyke of Manchester, John de Wyke, Thos. de Hopwood, Thos. de Strangeways, Adam de Hopwood. (Dodsw. *MS.* 149, fol. 160). Thomas Booth and his heirs were to pay £2 13*s.* 4*d.*

By another Deed of the same period Thos. Wick, rector of the Church of Manchester, granted to Thos. Bothe of Barton, a rood of land in Newton, at a rent of one pound of wax, worth sixpence, at the feast of Blessed Mary, on condition that the rector and his successors were hopper free at Bradford Mill for corn used in their hospitium while residing there, provided the Bishop of Lichfield, and the Lord la Warre, patron of the rectory, consented.

In 1359 Roger la Ware confirmed the grant to Thos. Bothe of Barton, of the same rood of land with appurtenances in Newton, lying near the water of Medlock, opposite his mill in Bradford, which Roger had of the grant of Thos. de Wike, rector of the Church of Manchester, to form "le were" (weir), or millrace or pool, rendering to the rector a pound of wax, worth 6d., at the feast of the Blessed Mary.

In 1359 (Anno Ducas. 7) Thomas de Bothe de Barton was complainant against Roger de Wakelegh, and Margaret his wife, concerning messuages and lands in Bradford.

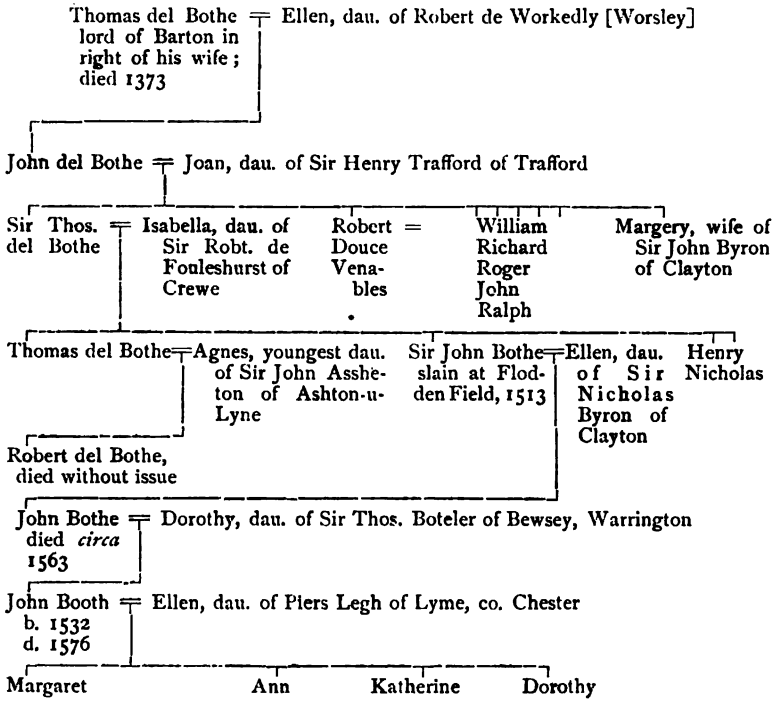
In 1361 Thos. del Bothe of Barton, yeoman, purchased from Sarra de Wakerlegh of Salford, an estate in Bradeford, in the town of Manchester, comprising messuages and 160 (Lancashire) acres of land and wood, for which the fine was 100 marks of silver, or £66 13*s.* 4*d.* for 259 statute acres, which was the whole township.

In the same year an agreement of fine was made at Preston between Thos. Bothe of Barton plaintiff, and Roger Wakerley and Margery his wife deforciants, as to a messuage, 160 acres of land, 20 of meadow, and 30 of wood, in Bradford and Manchester, fine 100 marks; and in the same year an agreement

of fine was made between Thos. Bothe plaintiff, and Sarah Wakerley de Salford deforciant, of a messuage, 160 acres of land, 10 of meadow, and 70 of wood, in Bradford.

In 1363 (37 Edw. III.) by Deed executed at Manchester, Thos. del Booth granted to John his son, for life, a messuage, 160 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of wood, with a water mill in Bradford, which he had by the gift and feoffment of Roger de Wakerley and Margery his wife; witnesses, Wm. de Radcliffe, Thurstan de Holland, Wm. de Worsley, Thurstan de Tildesley. (Dodsw. *MS.* 149, fol. 160).

BOOTH PEDIGREE.



[See the text for further particulars].

In 1417 John le Biron, Knight, and Wm. del Both gave to John del Both senior, all messuages, lands, and their mill in Bradford for life. The Deed has the signature Johannes de Buron, and the seal of three bendlets.

In 1417 John Bothe de Barton and Robert his son gave to Thos. Bothe and Hugh Brumbrough, chaplain, all their messuages, lands, tenements, and mill, with appurtenances in Bradford, to hold of the chief lord of his fee. The Deed is sealed with John Bothe's seal, bearing three boars' heads erased.

In 1417 Thos. del Bothe granted all messuages, lands, and tenements in Bradford, with the mill of Bradford, which John his father held for life, in the tenure then of himself and his heir, to Thos. and Henry del Bothe his sons for their lives.

In 1424 Robt. del Both gave to Thos. del Bothe and his heir John Both of Barton, Richd. Ewod, Nicholas de Eccles and John Smethurst, chaplains, all that he had in the manor of Bradford within the following bounds:—Beginning at the boundaries of Clayton, and so following those to the boundary of Beckwick, and so to the Medloc.; on condition that all the land with the mill should revert for life to Douce the grantor's wife, then for life to William their son, and for life to Ralph. . .

In 1514 (6 H. VIII.), John Bothe, Knight, who was killed Sept. 9, 1513 (5 Henry VIII.), at Flodden Field, was found to have held amongst other property the manor of Bradford Hall from Thos. la Warre, Lord of Manchester.

In 1534–5 (26 H. VIII.) the Jury at an inquis. post mort. found that John Bothe, then lately deceased, held the manor of Bradford, etc.

In 1558–9 (1 Eliz.) John Booth was plaintiff against Sir Wm. Davenport, knight, and Dame Anne his wife, respecting messuages, lands, chief rents, and profits held of Thos. West, Lord la Warre in Bradford, and places adjacent.

In 1563–4 (6 Eliz.) John Both, Esq., held messuages in Bradford, etc., of William West, Lord la Warre.

In the Inq. p. m. of John Booth of Barton, Esq., whose Will

was dated Aug. 5, 1571, proved at Chester, Oct. 9, 1576 (Chet. Soc., vol. 3, NS., p. 67), states that he died seized of messuages and lands in Bradford, Upper and Lower Ardwick, Pycroft, Openshaw, and Greenlow. (Earwaker, *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. 1, p. 181 *n.*)

On Aug. 9, 1576 (18 Eliz.) John, son and heir of John Both (and grandson of Sir John Booth, who was killed at Flodden Field), held his father's lands in Bradford, and at his decease the property passed to his four co-heiresses, namely:—(1) Margaret, who married Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford; (2) Ann, who married George Legh of High Legh; (3) Katherine, who died unmarried in 1583; and (4) Dorothy, who married John Molyneux, second son of William, eldest son of Sir Richd. Molyneux of Sefton.

John Molyneux's niece, Ann, married Sir John Byron of Newstead, co. Notts., who sold Clayton Hall to Humphrey Chetham. She was daughter of John's eldest brother, Sir Richard Molyneux.

Dorothy Booth, who married John Molyneux, took Bradford as part of her share on a division of the ancestral estates. She had an only child and heiress, Bridget Molyneux, who married Thomas Charnock of Charnock and Astley, near Chorley, co. Lancaster. Their eldest son, Robert Charnock, was born in 1604, and married Alice, daughter of William ffarington of Worden, and had an only child, Margaret Charnock, who married Richard Brooke (living in 1684), second son of Sir Peter Brooke of Mere, co. Chester.

Susannah Brooke was born in 1762. She was the only daughter and (after the death of her brother Peter) heiress of Richard's son, Peter Brooke of Astley Hall. She married in 1787 Thomas Townley-Parker of Cuerden, after whose death she married secondly, in 1797, Sir Henry Philip Hoghton of Hoghton Tower, by whom she had issue Sir Henry Hoghton the eighth baronet, who in 1825 by royal license prefixed Bold to his surname. Susannah died Dec. 8, 1852, and was the

Lady Hoghton mentioned *ante*, p. 388. Her grandson, Sir Henry de Hoghton, by royal license in 1862, resumed the ancient surname de Hoghton instead of Hoghton. He died in 1876, when (his only son Cecil having died unmarried in 1874) the title passed to his brother Charles, who died without issue, as did Henry's third brother Richard, and his two half-brothers William and Edward, and the title passed to a third half-brother James, whose eldest son is Cuthbert.

Susannah Brooke by her first husband, Thomas Townley Parker, had an only son, Robert Townley Parker, who was born in 1793, and married in 1816 Harriett, youngest daughter of Thomas Brooke of Church Minshull, co. Chester. Robert died in 1879, and his issue was five sons and three daughters. His eldest son Thomas was born in 1822, and in 1846 married Katherine Margaret, youngest daughter of Thomas Blackburne, Rector of Prestwich. Robert's second son, Robert, was born in 1823, and married in 1850 Judith A. C., youngest daughter of Jones Panton Esq., and had five children, viz.:—Peter Brooke Parker, born 1851, died 1863; Banastre Parker, born 1854; Gerard Towneley Parker, born 1855; and two daughters.

CHAPTER V.

MISCELLANEOUS AND STATISTICS.

THE *Manchester Constables' Accounts*, between 1614 and 1774, contain the following items relating to this township:—

Vol. i., p. 14]. Item for going wth a p^{r}cept to B. for to serve Ales Choreton and Addam Kirckdall for killinge and sellinge flesh in the lent by ye appointment of Sr Edmond Trafford, the xiiith of Aprill, 1614, 4*d.*

i., 20]. Betw. Dec., 1614, and Oct., 1615. Paide to Hunte for watchinge of a prisoner, and for goinge to Bradford to helpe Robte. Worrall to bringe prisoners thence, 6*d.*

[In Oct., 1616, Thos. Heape of Bradford, was, as Constable, ordered to appear at the next Sessions, or in the meantime pay the sum taxed upon his Township towards the erection of a House of Correction. (*Manchester Quarter Sessions*, p. 8)].

i., 24]. In the year ending Sep. 29, 1617. For a laie towardes amend^{ts} of the boate Laine [Manchr.], Bradforde paied, ij*s.* ix*d. ob.*

i., 91.] Year ending Mich., 1623. Rec. of ye constable of Bradforde for a Bridg. laie, 1*s.* 6*d.*

Rec. more of ye same const. for an oxe Leye, 1*s.* 4*d.*

i., 93]. Rec. of ye Consta. of Bradforde the 21th June, 1*s.* 9*d.*

i., 104]. Nov., 1623. Item for repaire of Broken Bank [The Crescent, Salford] an arrerag in Bradford is vp^{d} [unpaid], 1*s.* 9*d.*

i., 121]. 1623-4, feb. 16, Pd. Michael Chambers of Bradford, 2*d.*

i., 129]. Yr. endg Oct., 1625. Theare remaines vnpaid of a laie for composition [&c.] from the Constables of Bradford, xxj*d.*

i., 281]. Dec. 1, 1632. Receaued of the Cunstable of Bradford for the Muster Maister and town's use, 2*s.* 6*d.*

i., 289]. Yr. endg Oct., 1633. Recd. of the Cunst. of Bradford for a Bridg lay, 2*s.*

Vol. ii., p. 23]. Yr. endg Oct., 1636. An arrere ffor Knotmill Bridge and Stapford [Stockport] Bridge. Bradford, x*d.*

Vol. iii., p. 210]. Nov. 8, 1771. To an Inquisition over a man killed at Bradford, 2*s.* 4*d.*

iii., 217]. Jan. 30, 1772. To an Inquisition over Wm. Hope, 1*s.* 4*d.* [This was a boy, son of James Hope of Bradford, near Manchester, drowned in consequence of the ice on which he was sliding giving way under him].

iii., 226]. July 1, 1772. To John Hulme to Bradford, 6*d.*

iii., 278]. Mar. 14, 1774. To Wm. Mortimer to Bradford, 6*d.*

The *Manchester Court Leet Records*, as edited by Mr. Earwaker, contained the following entries relating to Bradford:—

Vol. iii., p. 18]. On Oct. 7, 1619, John ffletch^{r} of Bradfford was found to have bought a house in Manchester from Robarte Rodley of Colliehurste.

iii., 47]. On Sep. 30, 1613, Geo. Chorlton of Bradford, was dead, and James, his son and heir, was under age (vol. 2, p. 285). On Oct. 10, 1621, having come of age, James was ordered to do his suit. A George Chorlton had married Alice, daughter of James Radcliffe of Manchester, innkeeper (who died in 1593), and Margery, his wife (vol. 2, p. 105 *n.*). He was probably the same as George, son of James (vol. 2, p. 77).

iv., 148]. On Oct. 9, 1655. The Jurie doe psent the Constables of Moston, Droylsden, failsworth, both Ardwicks, Openshaw, Bradford,

who have not appeared att this Leet Court, as of right they ought to Doe[1].

iv., 213]. Oct. 6, 1657. The Constables of Bradford for not appearing, amerced xx*s*.

[The like on April 22, 1658; April 26, 1660; Oct. 9, 1660; Oct. 7, 1661; and April 8, 1662]. They were not named on April 30, 1661, but most of the other constables were fined that day, and the Bradford constables were fined five times between Oct., 1662, and April, 1674, and sixteen times between Oct., 1676, and Easter, 1687. After Oct. 10, 1733, no further fines were inflicted on the constables who did not attend].

v., 23]. On Mar. 6, 1662–3, Thos. Tildesley and Chas. Butterworth, both of Bradford, husbdmen, were bondsmen for John Neild, Collyer, against his chargeability to the Town.

v., 102]. On Oct. 5, 1669, Jas. Hope of Bradford was fined xij*d*. for selling of butter not weight.

LOCAL BOARD.

ON July 11, 1856, a petition was presented to the General Board of Health, praying for an Inquiry with a view to the application of the Public Health Act, 1848, to the Township of Bradford.

The Inquiry was held by Alfred L. Dickens, C.E., on Sep. 4, 1856, at the Queen's Arms Inn. It was attended by R. Townley Parker, Esq., M.P. for Preston, who owned the Township; by his Agent, Richard Johnson Lawton, who was Surveyor to the then recently formed Rusholme Local Board, and was also a partner in the Bradford Colliery Co.; by Messrs. Bates, Hesketh, and Williams, medical practitioners; J. Wood of Bank Bridge Printworks; Adam Murray of Sharp, Murray, and Co., Park Mills; Rchd. Johnson, iron manufacturer (established 1853) and

[1]At the Court Leet in Oct., 1623, an order was referred to made by the Quarter Sessions for the Constables of Blakeley and Gorton to be elected by the Manchester Court Leet, and the constables for those two Townshipps were ordered to present at each Michaelmas Leet the names of six persons from whom the Jury might select two for each Township. This, and the above non-appearance, indicate some dispute as to the jurisdiction of each township to appoint constables. See also *ante*, vol. ii., pt. ii., p. 354. It is doubtful if the fines imposed were ever levied. The attendance of tenants and constables at the Manor Court was gradually falling out of use.

member of the Rusholme Local Board; Alexr. Pattison, chemical works; John Crook of Crook and McKinnon, manufacturing chemists; E. R. Pritchard, smallware manufacturer; representatives of the Bradford Colliery Co., and Bethell's creosoting works; Johnson, Poor Rate Collector; R. Williams; F. Chappel, blacksmith; and many others.

Complaint was made of the large amount of sulphuric and carbonic acid gases evolved from some of the works, which included one for making artificial guano, the prevalence of typhus in 1852, that there were no highway surveyors, and no authority to undertake the repair of new streets when properly formed.

Out of 628 houses 542 were under £10 per annum, and there were 26 works and manufactories within the 290 acres, of which 33 acres had formed Philips Park for the last ten years. The roads, except Ashton New Road, which was turnpiked, were worn into deep ruts, dense clouds of smoke from mill chimneys and iron forges overshadowed the place, and mingled with the smells from odorous manufactories, ashpits, stagnant water, foul odds and ends rotting about the surface, ill-constructed drains, and filthy ditches. The houses were in some instances of the "back to back" type, with party walls at back and sides half a brick thick. Such was this charming spot in 1856.

On Dec. 29, 1856, an order in Council applied the Public Health Act, 1848, to the township.

The earliest existing minute book of the Bradford Local Board is No. 2, extending from July 29, 1863, to March 29, 1869, during which period the Chairmen were for the years April, 1863–6, George Bedson; April, 1866–8, Adam Murray; April, 1868–9, Joseph Grason. The earlier minute book seems to have been lost in the course of litigation in which the Board was engaged from time to time.

On Feb. 23, 1885, the owners and ratepayers resolved by show of hands, fifty-five to thirty-eight, in favour of joining the City of Manchester (Axon, *Manchester Annals*, 414), and on

Sept. 30, 1885, the township was added to the city under the Manchester City Extension Act, 1885 (*op. cit.*, 423), and in 1896 it was absorbed into the new township of North Manchester.

STATISTICS.

THE oldest Bradford rate book is a small parchment bound volume, measuring 8 in. by 6 in. and about ¾ in. thick, containing the poor's accounts from 1711 to 1813 inclusive, mostly on the right hand page, leaving the left side blank. They begin :—

April 9th, 1711, an account of ye moneys Received and Paid for ye use of ye Poor of Bradford for ye year Last past by Tho. Hope, overseer for James Lowe's Tenement or Worthington's.

Received by one Ley £8 02*s.* 00*d.*, and over plus last year £0 16*s.* 05*d.* Paid to John Wright [pauper] £03 09*s.* 03*d.* It. to John Schofield, £3 1*s.* 2*d.*; Rachel Sharples, £0 9*s.* 3*d.*; Thos. Bowker, 2*s.* Paid in rent for Sharples, Jackson and Wright, £2 14*s.* 0*d.*; for an order [of Justices] signing accts., 4*s.*; for this book, 1*s.* 6*d.* The Constable Lay for last year, ending att Michaelmas last year, 6*s.* 6*d.*; out of pocket, £1 9*s.* 3*d.* Allowed by us Samuel Brooke, Tho. Illingworth—and further—Allowed by two of Her (Queen Anne's) Justices of ye Peace, P. Egerton and Ri. Valentine, 1712. Tho. Hope for Widd. Hope pays for repair of ye bridge, 8*s.* 6*d.*

Two lays realised in 1714, £5 8*s.* 0*d.*; in 1715, £6 8*s.* 3*d.* (when 6*s.* 4*d.* was again paid for the repair of the bridge); in 1716 and 1717, £4 1*s.* each year.

John Schofield's board, breaches, stockings, two shirts, mending shoes, &c., for twelve months, cost £2 6*s.* 6*d.* (about 10½*d.* a week), but in 1720 the amount was £10 2*s.* 6*d.*, and in 1721 £6 1*s.* 6*d.*, 1722 £4 14*s.* 6*d.*

On April 23, 1723, the overseers received from Tho. Whitaker of Clayton, churchwarden, £1 8*s.* 4*d.*, which had been paid to him as fines, namely 10*s.* by Jas. Lowe for selling ale, and 10*s.* by Joshua Stopford, 5*s.* by John Hardy, and 3*s.* 4*d.* by Joseph

Thorp, for drinking ale at Jas. Lowe's on ye Lord's Day. It was distributed amongst six poor persons.

In May, 1724, in the same way, the overseers received and distributed fines, John Fleetwood 10*s*, Joseph Stopford 3*s*. 4*d*., John Lees 3*s*. 4*d*., and Wm. Walker 3*s*. 4*d*., for selling and drinking ale on ye Lord's day in time of divine service.

These were fines paid to the churchwardens in the vigilant discharge of their duty of perambulating the township during service, and bringing evil doers to justice.

In 1735, £1 2*s*. 10*d*., charges for bringing to ye gaol, was paid either to or for John Bennet.

On Nov. 20, 1739, a legacy of £2 7*s*. 3*d*., left to ye poor of Bradford by Mr. John Millington was divided amongst twelve poor people.

In 1740–1 the poor lay was 2*s*. in the £, and £1 14*s*. 10*d*. was paid on the marriage of Sarah Holland [a pauper, to put an end to her being a charge upon the Bradford rates].

In 1743, malitia £1; 1746, paid constable £1 2*s*., malitia 16*s*., carriages 5*s*. 1746, Ap. 3, paid James Lows, for ground £4, bed and flocks 4*s*., rent 10*s*., constable £1 2*s*., malitia, 16*s*.

Some of these items are faint echoes, may be, of Bonny Prince Charlie's excursions through Lancashire.

In 1749 paid Bradford Bridge £1 16*s*. 10d.; Lawyer Kenion £1 1*s*., Mr. Hopwood 5*s*. 2d.

In 1750 £31 6*s*. 5*d*. was disbursed to twelve poor persons.

In 1756 there were six lays, amounting to 1*s*. in the £, which raised £44 14*s*.; in 1794 ten, raising £74 10*s*., and in 1810 twelve, £91 4*s*. In 1830, one of 3*s*. raised £89 17*s*., and in 1842–3 the cash collected was £163 6*s*. 6*d*.

The Bradford entries for the Newton Chapel Rate in 1819 and 1837 are given *ante*, vol. ii., part 1, pp. 161, 164.

In 1847 the rateable value amounted to £3,593, and produced for the poor rate £141 9*s*. 2*d*.

In 1692 the annual value of Bradford for county rate purposes was £52 15*s*.; in 1814, £585; in 1828, £1,480; in

1841, £3,122; in 1853, £5,094 for county rate, but £6,053 for poor rate.

In 1655 there were eleven ley payers, and the poor rate for half a year amounted to £2 6*s.* 7*d.*; in 1828 the parochial rates were £23; in 1837, £55; and 1838, £91.

In 1701 the tithes of Newton and Bradford were let to Christopher Wrightson for £16 10*s.* In 1848 the tithe commutation was £35 10*s.*

Wheeler's *History of Manchester* in 1842 says:—Bradford especially is growing in population; till lately it was a bleak and desert region; new edifices are rapidly springing up.

The Bradford Tithe Map was made by T. Gaskell in 1845, when the township contained 240 acres of meadow and pasture land, and 20 acres occupied by buildings, roads and canals. John Ryder of Bradford, farmer, was the valuer, and the basis of tithe commutation was: wheat at 7*s.* 0¼*d.* per bushel, barley 3*s.* 11½*d.*, and oats 2*s.* 9*d.* The map shows John Ryder's bleachworks; John Wood's printworks and Fairbottom Holme, near Wood's printworks, on the north side of the Medlock; Isaac Wood's tanyard; William Prichard and Brothers' factory; and a house owned by Benjamin Buckley and occupied by — Chadwick. The field names are generally of no historic interest, but they included Crow Croft, Yeaning Field, Bowker Field, Highfield, Pea Holme, Flatts, Drake Meadow, Brook House and Brook Croft, Seven Acre, Four Acre, Two Acre, Half Acre.

The electors in Bradford and Beswick in 1832 were eight; 1833, ten; 1835, fifteen, of whom seven were for houses and shops, three for dyehouses, bleach or printworks, and four for public-houses or brew-houses.

Under the Redistribution of Seats Act, 1885, Bradford has formed part of the East Division of the City of Manchester for Parliamentary purposes.

In 1834 there were two public-houses in Bradford, both on Ashton Old Road; The Plough, built about 1720 by John

Tatton, and it was licensed through Mr. Robert Ryder as The Grey Mare. It was subsequently occupied by Kitty Lowe.

The Church Inn near Openshaw Church was built a few years before 1855.

The Farm Yard or Steam Engine tavern was built by Thos. Porter before 1826, and was included as a residence in Philips Park. The Queen's Arms was built about 1840 by Nicholas Gaskell.

When Beswick became part of Manchester Borough in 1838, the Beswick Bridge Toll Bar was moved to a site within the boundary of Bradford.

POPULATION.

IN 1773, according to the Whittaker census (*ante*, vol. ii., part 1, p. 153), Bradford contained one empty house and thirteen inhabited by seventeen families, comprising forty-four males and fifty-five females, total ninety-nine.

In 1801 there were eighteen houses, and in 1811 one empty house [probably just built] and eighteen inhabited, seven families engaged in agriculture, ten in trade, and one otherwise.

In the next ten years one house was built, and in the next decade seven more. It was only in the ten years 1831–41 that there was any great increase, and the number of houses rose from 27 to 181, and between 1841 and 1851 to 314.

The Census returns have been as follows :—

		Total.			Total.
1801	...	94	1851	...	1,572
1811	...	106	1861	...	3,523
1821	...	95	1871	...	7,168
1831	...	166	1881	...	16,121
1841	...	911	1891	...	19,981

In 1901 the Census return gave 42,968 for the Bradford Ward of the Manchester Corporation containing 989 acres, inclusive of the 280 which formed the old Bradford township that was abolished in 1896, and became part of the North Manchester township.

KIRKMANSHULME SECTION.

CHAPTER I.

DESCRIPTIVE. KIRKMANSHULME IN 1820.

THIS hamlet formed part of Newton township, but lies detached, nearly two miles to the south of the main body of that now abolished township.

It was approached from Manchester by Stockport Road, which was made into a Turnpike Road in 1724. Kirkmanshulme commenced at Grindlow Marsh, which is now better known as Longsight.

Johnson shows on his map of Manchester Parish in 1820 a line of trees all along the northerly side of Kirkmanshulme, from Stockport Road on the west to Hyde Road on the east, with two buildings at the east end of the line marked "Belle Vue." The easterly boundary, from Belle Vue to the "Gorton Brook," was similarly lined by a row of trees, as also the brook itself, down which the boundary runs westwardly until it turns off south-eastwardly along a small tributary stream, till it meets part of Pink Pank Lane, which served as an approach to a house in the fields a little to the west of the end of the lane.

From Pink Pank Lane the boundary ran south-west and then south, till it met "Slade Hall Brook," which it followed across Stockport Road to "Slade Lane." It then turned north along Slade Lane to "Rushford Bridge," which was built in 1751. It is repairable by the Salford Hundred, and the limit of the Hundred length of road, 100 yards, on each side is marked by a stone with the date.

At Rushford Bridge the boundary crossed to the east side of Stockport Road, and ran due north in a straight line till it would have reached Kirkmanshulme Lane if that lane had run in one continuous line from Stockport Road eastward to Gorton Chapel, as very possibly it did formerly.

At this point the boundary turned sharply to the west along this supposed line of the old lane until it met Stockport Road, and then followed the centre of that road northwardly to Grindlow Marsh.

In the angle at Grindlow Marsh, Johnson indicates in 1820 three buildings dotted along that part of the north boundary, and the Ordnance Map in 1845 calls these Newton Cottage, Newton Villa, and Newton House, the names being no doubt conferred out of loyalty to the mother township.

Passing southwardly from Grindlow along Stockport Road, about half-way to the easterly turn of the boundary, Kirkmanshulme Lane (not named on the map) led eastwardly to a cluster of seven buildings away from the road where the lane bent first south, then east, then south, and so met the main part of "Kirkmanshulme Lane." In 1845 these buildings were marked on the Ordnance Map "Kirkmanshulme House" and "Farm," otherwise Kirkmanshulme Fold.

Passing eastwardly along Kirkmanshulme Lane, at a point which was about one-third of the way towards the Gorton boundary from Kirkmanshulme House, a lane branched off to the south across the "Gorton Brook," and in 1845, rather more than half-way to the brook, "Knutsford Vale House[1]" stood to the east of this branch lane, and in the north-easterly angle of the brook stood Knutsford Vale Print and Bleachworks.

Returning to Stockport Road, to the east of the main road, opposite the end of Slade Lane, there was in 1820 a building by the roadside, and another behind it, but in 1845 they had been replaced by the railway. The railway from Manchester to Stockport was not opened until June 4, 1840, but the Manchester and Birmingham Railway Act, under which it was constructed, was passed in 1837. Johnson in 1820 showed no toll bar at this point. It is, however, marked on the 1838 edition of his map, having been moved from within the newly-formed Manchester Borough.

[1]Knutsford Vale is a mere fancy name, not an old native place name "gron grun" (ground grown), as they used to say in Moston.

Further along Stockport Road, past the third milestone from Manchester, a short road led eastwardly to seven buildings called "Cotton Manufactory" and "Crow Croft." In 1845 they figured on the Ordnance Map as Crowcroft Cotton Mill, Crowcroft Cottage, and Crowcroft House.

No other buildings are indicated in 1820 by Johnson, and there had been little alteration in the hamlet up to 1845, beyond the notable addition of "Belle Vue Gardens."

KIRKMANSHULME IN 1846.

ACCORDING to the Tithe Map prepared from the Ordnance Survey in August, 1846, and the Schedules to that map, the land belonging to the Dean and Canons was then in lease and occupation as follows, but the names of the fields are not given :—

	Area A.	R.	P.	Occupier	Lessee
Newton Cottage, Longsight ...	1	2	5	Frances Moon	Henry Perks
[Newton Terrace]	0	0	28	John Ferguson	Whitmore
Newton House	9	2	22	Richard Bradley	"
Kirkmanshulme House	12	1	30	Richd. Holroyd	Thos. Knight
" " Farm	21	0	37	Elizabeth Finney	"
Belle Vue	38	2	8	John Jennison	"
Knutsford Vale Printworks... ...	23	0	32	John Scott and others	"
Newton Cottage, Kirkmanshulme Lane...	1	1	8	Robt. Hughes	"
Fields [The Coach and Horses Inn]	11	2	25	Joseph Mycock	"
Crowcroft Farm	86	0	28	Ann Brownson	"
Crowcroft House	3	0	12	James Sidebottom[1]	"
Crowcroft Cottage and Factory ...	0	1	33	John Wilson[2]	"
Land along both sides of the Railway	31	3	38	John Siddall	John Siddall
Birch Villa	0	1	9	Elizabeth Scholes	Rich. Jepson

[1]In 1796 administration of the Will of Mary Sidebotham of Kirkmanshulme was granted at Chester.

In Gorton Dissenting Chapel there is a mural tablet to the memory of Martha, wife of John Wilson, Esq., of Crowcroft Cottage, Longsight. She died July 14, 1850, aged 69.

Besides the land belonging to the Dean and Canons, Samuel Duckers owned, and James Gray occupied, 2 r. 29 p. on the west side of Stockport Road, between the turnpike and the railway bridge. The railway owned 4 a. 3 r. 17 p.

Slater's *Manchester Directory*, 1845, supplies the following information respecting the lessees and occupiers under the Dean and Canons :—

Francis Moon, iron and tinplate merchant; firm Frances Moon, Son, and Co., 48, Lever St., Manchr.
John Ferguson, shopman, Newton Terrace, Longsight.
Richd. Bradley, stockbroker; firm Bradley, Ford, and Parker.
Henry Whitmore, bookseller, 14, Oldham St.
Richard Holroyd, warpsizer; firm R. Holroyd and Co.
John Jennison, Belle Vue House Tavern and pleasure grounds, Hyde Road.
John Scott, ropemaker and paper dealer, 30, Back King St., Ho. and works, Rushford Vale, Longst.
Robert Hughes, painter; firm R. Hughes and Son.
Joseph Mycock, Coach and Horses Tavern, Longsight.
Jas. Sidebottom, manufr.; firm Kershaw, Lees, and Sidebottom, 22, High St., Manchr.
John Wilson, manufr.; firm T. Knight and Co., 50, Church St., Manchr.
Thomas Knight, manufr.; firm T. Knight and Co., ho., Altrincham.
Samuel Duckers, joiner and builder, 49, Major St.

Mr. Higson, in his *MS.* which he compiled about 1862, notes at p. 70 that some good houses had been erected within this hamlet about 1860. His description then proceeds as follows :—

The Belle Vue Gardens are principally within Kirkmanshulme, and are extensive and well laid out. They contain a collection of wild animals and rare birds, and many natural curiosities, which form together an attraction for a large number of visitors.

In 1546 the wife of Myles Beswyke, Robert Kenyon, the wife of Robert Marler, Roger Marler, Ranolde Kenyon, and the wife of Galfride Percivall, were leaseholders in Kirdes-manhulme, each paying 26*s.* 8*d.*, except the last two, who paid 21*s.* and 7*s.* [See *Lancs. Chantries*, vol. i., p. 15, Chet. Soc., vol. lix.]

The family of Percivall long held property in the hamlet, under the Warden and Fellows of Manchester.

[On Oct. 15, 1595, Margarett, d. of Robt. Parsivall de Gridlo, was baptised at Didsbury, and on Nov. 30, 1595, she was buried there, being described as Margarett, dau. of Robarte Parsivall de Gridlowe. The Will of Edmund Percival of Kirkmanshulme was proved at Chester in 1613, and an account of the Estate of George Percival of Grinlow was filed in the Chester Diocesan Registry in 1624].

On June 15, 1606, Richard, son of Thomas Persyvall of Grindloe, was baptised at Manchester College Church, and Edmund Percivall of Manchester was buried there July 5, 1643. Richard Persivall and Elizabeth Hunte were married at Manchester, Nov. 5, 1611, and in 1691 there was a Richard Percival of Manchester. (Booker's *Blackley*, p. 116).

In 1636 Thomas Persivall of Grindloe helped to support the ministrations at Birch Chapel (Booker's *Birch Chapel*, p. 143), and at the same time Widow Percival, John and Richard Percivall, all of Levenshulme, were mentioned (*op. cit.*, p. 143).

On Oct. 14, 1613, John Marler of Kirkmanshulme had a son John baptised at Manchester.

[In 1636 the Kirkmanshulme ratepayers were Joseph and Abram Kenion of Slade or Rushford, Jacob Taylor of Grindlow or Chorlton Row, Rodger Bewsicke and Widow Percival of Levenshulme. (Booker's *Birch Chapel*, p. 143].

In 1655 the six ratepayers of the hamlet were Hugh and Joseph Kenion, Richard Tailor, Richard Metcalfe, Roger Beswick, and Widow Percivall.

Adam Hulme lived at Kirkmanshulme in 1636, and in 1695 John Hulme lived there.

In 1742 the residents included James Axon, whitster, and Daniel Woosencroft junior, whitster. [On Oct. 13, 1745, Alice, d. of Richard Booth of Rushford, was baptised at Birch Chapel]. In 1752 Philip Rothwell of Kirkmanshulme, whitster, and Betty, his wife, had a son, Philip, baptised at Gorton Chapel,

and Edward Siddall of Kirkmanshulme, was married there two years later.

About 1790 the sub-tenants in Kirkmanshulme paid six years' rents to John Siddall of Slade, and —— of Rushford Farm, and every seventh year's rent they paid their rents to the Warden and Fellows of Manchester.

There was a cluster of five little farms [not indicated in 1820 on Johnson's map] in Kirkmanshulme Lane, which are now enclosed in Belle Vue Gardens. Nine Williams lived at them, viz. :—William Parry and his son William, William Walker and his son William, William Axon and his son William, William Mills and his son William, and William Lowe.

In 1820 Kirkmanshulme House was occupied by Mr. Joule[1], who was lessee of the tithes of the hamlet under the Warden and Fellows of Manchester.

In 1815 Mr. Thos. Knight of Crow Croft, paid *7s.* per doz. for weaving loose-colour handkerchiefs, 31 inches by 32 inches, for exportation. The weaver used three shuttles, and could weave a dozen in ten hours. . A Longsight family used to weave a dozen-and-a-half each per day for a long period. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 140).

In 1825 Thos. Knight was engaged in Silk and Cotton manufacturing at Crow Croft.

In 1857 some one had written in pencil on a side door of the Longsight Old Mechanics' Institute in Kirkmanshulme: "John Swindells of Longsight, sailed for Australia June 2, 1855. Long live his memory. He was a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Longsight Independent Chapel Debating Society. He first proposed the erection of this noble Mechanic's Institution, and gave £10 towards its erection. Honour to his name." (Higson *MS.*, p. 71).

[1]At the Spring Assizes at Lancaster, on March 15, 1828, the Warden and Fellows and their lessee, Mr. Joule of Crowcroft, succeeded in litigation which had been pending since Sept., 1808, for tithe in kind on hay, milk, potatoes, and agistment of ley cattle, except tithe on gardens, orchards, poultry, etc.

On April 27, 1842, the Ordnance Surveyors put up a tall stack pole on Joule's Common at Kirkmanshulme as a landmark. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 187).

CHAPTER II.

PERSONS AND PLACES.

THE Newton Manor Court Records (*ante*, vol. ii., part 1, pp. 36–117), contain a considerable number of Kirkmanshulme items, relating to persons and places, which can be ascertained from the index, as also can many others which are scattered here and there in this History.

BELLE VUE.

MR. JOHN JENNISON commenced his celebrated Gardens in 1836. Mr. Slugg in his *Reminiscences*, says that about fifty years before 1881 Belle Vue Gardens were not flourishing as they now are, and when Tinker's Gardens, in a lane off Higher Broughton Road, were closed [in Nov., 1842, after a run of about four years], Mr. John Jennison, the proprietor of Belle Vue, bought many of the animals, which formed the nucleus of the present collection.

Mr. Jennison was born in 1790 and died Sept. 20, 1869, leaving his six sons, George, Charles, John, Richard, James, and William, and daughter Mrs. Ann Kelsall to carry on the prosperous business.

Charles is an Alderman of both the County of Lancaster and City of Manchester. He is also an active member of the Prestwich Board of Guardians. When the pleasures of Belle Vue and a public life pall upon him, he seeks well-earned rest at The Hut, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Before Mr. John Jennison came to Belle Vue he was a hand-loom weaver in Stockport, whither the family had migrated from some part of the East Riding of Yorkshire, where, for instance, the name occurs frequently in the Cherry Burton Registers, which have been printed as far as the year 1740.

The name also occurs in other Registers in the locality of Hull; otherwise it is not met with in the Manchester neighbourhood, though in 1559 George Jeneson cooked the funeral dinner of Squire Thomas Clifton of Westby near Kirkham in the Fylde, and about 1656 Richard Jenison of Newton [in Mottram or Prestbury Parish], compounded for his estates as a Cheshire Royalist.

The name does not occur in the Stockport Parish Registers, as far as they have been printed, namely 1620, nor amongst the monumental inscriptions at Stockport Parish Church, as recorded in the Owen *MSS.* at the Manchester Free Reference Library.

About 1829 Mr. John Jennison started on the outskirts of Stockport a small pleasure garden known as "Jennison's Gardens," which although not much more than half an acre in extent attained considerable popularity, and encouraged him to start his larger venture near Manchester. At first he was content with only half an acre at Belle Vue, and though lacking capital at first, steadily persevered in his colossal and successful enterprise.

Mr. Jennison occupied the house which is marked on Johnson's map in 1820 as "Belle Vue." No doubt when it was first built the name was not inappropriate, as it would have at that time "the pretty view" which the title denotes. The house was probably built about 1818, when the Hyde Road, then called the Sheffield New Road, was formed and turnpiked. The Turnpike Trust expired Nov. 1, 1879.

Johnson's map, 1820, shows a small recessed open space in front of the house to serve as a "draw-off" for waggons, whose drivers sought refreshment at the tavern, for which a license in those days was easy to obtain.

In 1832 the *Manchester Directory* includes amongst the taverns "Belle Vue House, John Walker, Sheffield New Road." John was son of William Walker, who occupied one of several farms that are now incorporated with Belle Vue. In 1845 the

Manchester Directory calls it "Belle Vue House Tavern"; the Zoological and Pleasure Gardens were later additions to the attractions of the tavern.

Some of the events in the early history of Belle Vue are noted by Mr. Higson in his *Gorton Historical Recorder*, thus :—

1842, May 2. Splendid fireworks by Signor Pietro [Mr. Richardson] of Chapel House, Gorton.

1842, Sept. 4. Mr. Moorhouse, the "flying tailor" of Denton, exhibited a gigantic kite that lifted three 56 lb. weights. Repeated in 1846.

1843, July 17. John Grimshaw, late of Gorton, ran Wood of Levenshulme for £25 a side, but stopped after twenty-five yards and disputed the race.

1850, Sept. Herr Kjellberg, the water king, walked on the water, and drew a boat laden with passengers.

It was in 1852 that the first of Mr. Jennison's series of great pictures was presented to the public. Its subject was the Siege of Algiers.

Mr. James Ryder of Gorton, in April, 1900, stated in *Manchester City News* Notes and Queries, No. 8565, that about one hundred years ago Ardwick lime was dug and burnt on the site of Belle Vue Gardens. The lime was taken to the kilns in boats on a water ditch, which has been long since filled up, but Messrs. Jennison were still using the shaft for pumping water. The lime was also got on the neighbouring site of the late borough gaol on Hyde Road, and that site was bought in 1848 by the Manchester Borough Justices, from a Mr. Jackson, for the erection of the prison.

BESWICK FAMILY.

FIVE witnesses bearing Kirkmanshulme names, including Roger Bexwicke, gave evidence at an enquiry in 1530. (*ante*, vol. ii., part 1, p. 37).

The Will of Richard Beswick of Kirkmanshulme was proved at Chester in 1603.

The baptisms at Manchester Collegiate Church, as extracted in the Owen *MSS.*, include the following entries :—

1611, July 28, Suzan, d. of Roger Beswick of Kirdmanshulme.
1613–4, Jan. 9, Raphe, s. of „ „ „ „
1634, May 17, Thomas, s. of „ „ ye yonger of Kirkmanshulme.
1634–5, Jan. 31, Mary, d. of „ „ of Kirkmanshulme.
1638, June 3, Roger, s. of „ „ „ „
1640, April 25, Sarah, d. of Richard „ „ „
1645, April 20, Edward, s. of Roger „ „ „
1647, Nov. 28, Elizabeth, d. of „ „ „ „

Amongst the marriages at Manchester Collegiate Church was that of Charles Beswick of Kirkmanshulme, lyn weaver, to Sarah Hobson on May 30, 1706.

The burials there included :—

1606, Julie 30, James, s. of Roger Beswick of Kirdmanshulme.
1609, Julie 16, ye widdowe of Richard „ „ „
1651, April 5, Joane, d. of Roger „ „ „

At St. Ann's, Manchester, was a gravestone inscribed :—

Here resteth ye Body of | Charles Beswick of | Keirkmansulm, buried | November ye 6, 1731. | Sarah, his wife, bur^d Apr^l 19, | 1738, in ye 58 year of her age. | Mary, his Dau., buried | July ye 7, 1730, in ye 14th | year of her Age. John, | his son, bur^d Nov. ye 20th, 1730, in the 17th year of his | Age. Also Charles Beswick | junr. bur. May the 6, 174[8] | Aged 26. | Also Esther, wife of Charles. (Owen *MSS.* vol. 13, p. 222).

On June 21, 1745, Mary, dau. to Richard Busick of Grindlow, was baptised at Didsbury.

Raffald's *Manchester Directory* in 1772 names Edward Beswicke, gent., Kirkmanshulme.

In 1800 administration was granted at Chester for the estate of Elizabeth Beswick of Kirkmanshulme, spinster.

BESWICK'S, HEIGH'S, MARLER'S, AND PERCIVAL'S TENEMENTS.

ON May 20, 1675, Robert Burdett[1] of the City of London, Esq.,

[1] Robert Burdett was a merchant and alderman, and was a younger son of Thomas Burdett who was made a baronet in 1618, and who married Jane daughter and heiress of William Frauncys, Esq., of Foremark, co. Derby. The eldest son Sir Frauncys was born in 1608, and was the ancestor of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

BESWICK OF KIRKMANSHULME FOLD.

Edward Beswick of Kirkmanshulme, Inventory of Goods, 1688, October 17

- Roger
  - Roger = Elizabeth
  - James = Susannah?
    - Thomas = ...
      - Mary
      - Ann
  - Charles = Sarah Hobson, bur. St. Ann's, Ap. 19, 1738, aged 57; mar. Manchester Collegiate Ch., May 30, 1706, bur. St. Ann's, Manch., Nov. 6, 1731
    - Mary, bur. St. Ann's, July 7, 1730, aged 13
    - John, bur. Nov. 20, 1730, at St. Ann's, aged 16
    - Charles = Esther Syddall, bur. St. Ann's, May 6, 1748, aged 26; mar. at Manchester Collegiate Ch., May 9, 1742; bur. St. Ann's, Mar. 26, 1746
      - John = Agnes McCormack, bapt. Trinity Ch., Salford, Sept. 30, 1744; died at Glasgow, June, 1792, without issue; mar. at Glasgow, Aug. 14, 1791, and died shortly after James
      - Sarah = Edwd. Unwin, bapt. Trin. Ch., Salford, May 29, 1743; of Pott Shrigley, co. Chester, joiner, mar. Nov. 4, 1769; bur. at Prestbury, co. Chester, June 30, 1791
        - George Unwin = Sarah . . . . , bapt. Pott Shrigley Ap. 15, 1770, died May 17, 1841.
          - Prudence Unwin = Edwd. Eden of Cross Lane, Salford
    - Edward of Kirkmanshulme Fold, Manchester, yeoman, bapt. Gorton Chapel, Mar. 7, 1710-1; mar. Manchester Collegiate Church, Nov. 18, 1755; bur. Gorton Chapel, Mar. 27, 1783. = Mary Syddall, bur. Gorton Chapel, Mar. 19, 1786
      - Edward, bapt. Gorton Chapel, Mar. 8, 1740-1; bur. Gorton Chapel, Feb. 5, 1748-9
      - Elizabeth, bapt. Gorton Chapel, Feb. 16, 1737-8; bur. Gorton Chapel, May 29, 1791.
      - (2) Mary, bapt. Gorton Chapel, Sept. 2, 1744; mar. Manchester Collegiate Church, Ap. 18, 1792; bur. Gorton Chapel, July 29, 1795 = Isaac Lees, of Manch., cotton manufacturer, bur. Sept. 9, 1813, aged 63 = (1). . . .
        - John Lees, died June 3, 1815, aged 35
    - Elizabeth, named in uncle Edward's Will, 1740
    - Susannah, under age in 1740
  - Edward of Manch., chapman, Will dated Oct. 11, 1740, proved at Chester, July 17, 1742

became lessee from the Warden and Fellows of Boardman's Tenement in Newton, and of *Marler's*, *Heigh's*, and *Beswick's Tenements* in Kirkmanshulme, as well as *Percivall's Tenement* there, and Ogden's and Kempe's Cottages in Newton, and Shawe's burgage in Salford, as described in the following item:—

On Sep. 29, 1680, the Warden and Fellows leased to Wright Burdett, student of Emmanuel College, Cambs., besides other property, the messuage called *Heighs* in Kirkmanshulme, then or lately held by John Taylor, and closes called Tenne acres, Little Croft, Three grosse [or grasse] Crofts, Cough [or Cow]heyes, Bean flat [or shut], Rough Heygh, Meadow on the banke of the Brooks, and the Crow [or Corn] Croftes, containing 39 (Lancashire) acres and 1 rood; and the messuage called *Beswick's* in Kirkmanshulme, then or lately held by Roger Beswicke, and The Little Croft, Crosse Croft [Grindlow Cross ?] Meadow, Crow Croft, Twoe Meadows with Piddmanshill, the Banke, Meadow Lands, Barsett Pasture, Heigh, and Rough Heigh, containing by estimation 40 acres and 1 rood.

And the messuage called *Percivall's* in Kirkmanshulme, then or lately held by Joane Percivall, widow, and closes called [Grindlow-]Crosse Croft, Barneyard, and Great and Little Shorte Earth and Longe Earth, containing 9 acres 3 roods and 30 falls [perches] of lands.

And the cottage and croft called Ogden's in Newton, lately held by John Baguly; and the burgage and house in Salford lately held by Wm. Shaw[1]; Rent £5 5*s.* 6*d.*

[1] The name of William Shaw occurs several times as serving on the jury at Newton Manor Court (see index). The last time he is mentioned was in Oct., 1690, where his name appears amongst "Tenants within Kirckemanshulme, Yaldhouses, and Salford," the last three names being James Johnson, Wm. Shaw, Peter Moir." In 1682 James Johnson of Salford, haberdasher, leased from the Warden and Fellows the Hanging Meadow, alias Hollow Meadow, alias Legs of Man, and the Bean Croft in Salford; contents three acres. Rent 8*s.* 4*d.* (Owen *MSS.*, vol. 15, p. 29). Before 1710 those fields were occupied by the Rev. Francis Torkington, and in 1710 were leased to James Lowe of Newton, co. Chester; in 1724 by Robt. Low of Nantwich, Esq., occupant James Johnson; Robt. Lowe renewed in 1731 and 1747 when he was of Middlewich, and in 1755 the Rev. Robt. Morton, Vicar of Middlewich, was the lessee, and he renewed in 1762; contents 3 a. 3 r. 3 p. for fields then called Pingot, Housefield, and Haystack Field.

Five years previously, namely on May 20, 1675, these premises had been leased to Robert Burdett of the City of London, Esquire, with a messuage called Marlow's, or *Marler's*, in Kirkmanshulme, lately held by Alice Marlor, and afterwards of Rich. Metcalfe, with closes called Tenne Acres, the Earth Bagg, West Croft, Meadow, Crowcrofte, Barsett, Cowhey, Pingatts, and Roughhey, containing 38 acres 3 roods; along with another cottage in Newton, then or lately held by James Kempe. The rent was the same with a boon service of two hens and a capon, or four hens, and bringing three loads of coales yearly in Summer from the [Newton] Coalepitt, the lessors paying for the coals at the Pitt.

On May 8, 1688, Wright Burdett of London, Clerke, renewed his lease, and on June 4, 1702, Elizabeth Burdett of London, widow, renewed it.

On July 5, 1709, Richard Taylor assigned to Roger Beswick a tenement in Kirkmanshulme called *Marlow's* [or Marler's] for the residue of a term of twenty-one years granted by the Warden and Fellows of Manchester, subject to the yearly rent of £14 6*s.* 0*d.*

Richard Taylor of Manchester, merchant, took a lease of the premises on Nov. 12, 1714, and renewed it on Oct. 4, 1728, and Oct. 4, 1735. This last renewal is endorsed with leave for Richd. Taylor, Exor. of the lessee, to assign to John Taylor of Sutton super Lound, co. Notts., clerk.

On Nov. 6, 1750, Adam Lugg of Gainsbrough, gent. (see next paragraph), surrendered and renewed his lease of the premises, *Marlor's* and *Beswick's* were then described as having been lately held by Edward Beswick, and *Percival's* was then lately held by Jonathan Jackson. The land belonging to *Marler's* was described as lately held by Daniel Woolstencroft.

On Nov. 27, 1750, Adam Lugg of Gainsboro', co. Lincoln, gent., surviving trustee of the will of John Taylor of Sutton, co. Notts., clerk, with Richard Taylor of East Retford, co. Notts., gent., only son of John Taylor, and George Wilberforce

of Gainsboro', merchant, and Jane his wife, only daughter of John Taylor, demised to Edwd. Beswick of Kirkmanshulme, yeoman, for twenty years a *tenement called Marlor's* in Kirkmanshulme, with closes called Ten Acres, Earth Bagg, West Croft, Meadow, Cow Croft, Barsett, Cow Hey, Pingotts, and Rough Hey, containing by estimation 38 a. 3 r. 0 p.

Also a *tenement called Heighs* in Kirkmanshulme, with closes called Ten Acres, Little Croft, Three Gorse Crofts, Cow Heys, Bearshurst, Rough Hey, Meadow on the back of the Brooks, and the Cow Crofts, containing by estimation 39 a. 1 r. 0 p.

And the *tenement called Beswick's* in Kirkmanshulme, with closes called Little Croft, Gorse Croft, Meadow, Cow Crofts, Two Meadows with Pidmanshill, Bank, Meadow Lands, Barsett Pasture, Heigh and Rough Heigh, containing by estimation 40 a. 1 r. 0 p. ; and other premises in Newton called Boardman's Tenement, and Ogden's Cottage and Croft there.

Mr. Lugg renewed his lease on Nov. 25, 1757, when *Percival's* was described as lately held by Martha Jackson. This was endorsed with a memorandum that Mr. Lugg was surviving trustee of the will of John Taylor late of Sutton, co. Notts., clerk, and it was surrendered on Nov. 26, 1764, by John Shelmerdine and Edward Holme, chapman, both of Manchester. Two newly-erected houses then adjoined the house in Salford.

On Feb. 2, 1701–2, Warden Wroe and the Fellows of Christ College, Manchester, demised to Roger Beswicke of Kirkmanshulme, for twenty-one years, a cottage, stable, land, and premises in Kirkmanshulme, at the yearly rent of 1*s*.

On Jan. 13, 1728–9, the Warden and Fellows demised to Edward Beswicke of Kirkmanshulme a dwelling-house, garden, stable, and plot of land in Kirkmanshulme, at a yearly rent of 1*s*.

On Feb. 2, 1709–10, Roger Beswick of Macclesfield, chapman, took from the Warden and Fellows a lease of a cottage, garden, and stable in Kirkmanshulme, with a piece of land four roods and twelve yards broad, all lately held by Daniel Prestwich ; rent, 1*s*. per annum. Edward Beswick of Manchester, chapman,

renewed the lease on Jan. 13, 1728–9, when the land was described as near the cottage where a haystack formerly stood, and he further renewed in Jan., 1735–6, when the premises were occupied by John Jepson, and again in May, 1743, 1750, and 1764, including a barn, and again on June 1, 1771, when the rent was raised to 3*s.* per annum.

GREENLOW OR GRINDLOW.

THE parts of Gorton detached alongside of Kirkmanshulme were generally referred to as Greenlow Heath, and no doubt this term was also often applied to Kirkmanshulme as well. As a matter of fact places near the boundaries of all the townships within the parish of Manchester were often loosely described as being in the adjoining township, and in making extracts from parish registers this fact must be borne in mind; also that people in those days were frequently described as "of Manchester," meaning the old extensive parish of Manchester.

In April, 1282, it was certified that the late Lord of Manchester Manor owned a plot which was called Gren-lawe-more part of the demesne lands, which was worth yearly lxxvj*s.* viij*d.* (*Mamecestre*, vol. i., Chet. Soc. liii., p. 143).

In 1322, when an "extent" of Manchester Manor was made, it included "In Brueria" or heaths:—

In Green-lo-marsh 223 a. 1 r., worth 113*s.*, at 6½*d.* per acre, 14 acres worth 8*d.*, and the rest 6*d.*; and Thomas de Chorlton [Row] has 7 acres there by an assize of novel disseisin, but they are demised as part of the tenants' lands.

In Green-lo-heth 139 acres of land, worth 102*s.* 8*d.*, at 8*d.* per acre, which were lately demised to Sir John Byron and his wife for the term of their lives at an annual rent of 100*s.* (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., pp. 363, 365, 383–4).

By Deed dated Nov. 7, 1334, John de Grelle, son of Robert Grelle, granted to Sir Henry de Trafford, lord of Trafford, Knight, lands, etc., in the vill of Chorlton [upon Medlock], which cannot be fully identified, but relate to Stockport Road and

Grindlow district, and apparently included the whole township of Chorlton Row, as it used to be called, along with the triangular area on the north enclosed by the Medlock, Shooter's Brook, and Stockport Road, within which area stood Garret Hall, an ancient possession of the Trafford family.

The bounds began in the line of the water of Schirer [*filo aque de Schirer*, or Shiter, that is Shooter's brook, which joined the Medlock just to the west of Garret Hall, Brook Street], and so following [southwardly] the King's highway that leadeth from Mamecestre to Stopford [Stockport] unto the Medelac [Medlock], and from Medelac following the King's highway [south] as far as Qwyt-acres-ford [over the Cornbrook), and so [diverging westward along Cornbrook] to Grene-law-mersh and Thorle-clough [surrounding the Polygon, Ardwick, and returning eastwardly] as far as Grene-law-crosse [on Stockport Road], and from the Grene-law-crosse [along that road] to Grene-law-acre [at Blackstake Brook], and descending [westward along Blackstake Brook, skirting Victoria Park] to Chorlton-hagh [or Hough, otherwise the Great or Hough Moss, whence Moss Side took its name] and to [the boundary of] Wythington [in Moss Lane East] and Gose-lache [at Upper Lloyd Street, Moss Side], and following the ditch [northwards] between Hulme and Chorlton [upon Medlock] as far [north] as into the Mede-lac, [and finally returning eastwards along Medlock to Shooter's Brook], (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., Chet. Soc. lvi., p. 267; Raines' *MSS.* xxv., 113).

According to the Testa de Nevill, Albert Greslet or Grelle, senex, gave to the monks of Swinesheved one croft called Witacres or Wythacres [where Stockport Road crosses the Cornbrook] in alms, and in the survey of Manchester Manor in 1320 it was returned that Whyte acre, containing eighteen acres of land in Manchestre is of the Abbey of Swynes-heade, in pure and perpetual alms, (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., p. 295, and note). This grant of White Acre may have caused the indented boundary line west of Stockport Road, round the Polygon, Ardwick.

In 1422, when Manchester Parish Church was collegiated, Thos. Lord la Warr, then lord of Manchester, granted to trustees land in Grene-low-Marshe, within the metes of Grene-low-heth, (the Heath was greater than the Marsh) for the benefit of the church, and the tenants of Green-lowe Marsh were at that time bound to grind their corn at the mill at Manchester from May 1st to Sept. 29. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 48–9).

In 1426 the extent of Manchester Manor mentions "Grene-low-[h]eth :—three messuages with lands there."

In 1433 Sir Robt. Bothe and Douce, his wife, who were then apparently trustees, conveyed Grene-low Marsh to Sir John Buron and William Bothe, clerk, who were probably the new trustees.

In 1473 the rental items of Manchester Manor included :—

Thomas Whitehead, singing chaplain in the Church of Manchester, for a tenement with appurtenances in Grene-lowe, which he holds of the said lord [Thomas West, lord of Manchester] freely [as a freeholder, probably as life-tenant], rendering yearly xx*s.*

In 37 H. VIII. (1545–6), Roger Kenyon was returned as holding a tenement with appurtenances at Grandley Crosse (Grindlow Cross), within Manchester parish, at xxvj*s.* viij*d.* yearly rent, part of the endowment of the St. Nicholas Chantry otherwise Trafford Chapel in Manchester Collegiate Church, and Thomas Grenelawe held another tenement there, paying the like rent. They were subject to a chief rent payable to Lord la Warr. (*Lanc. Chantries*, vol. i., Chet. Soc., lix., p. 35).

In 1550 Roger Kenyon of Grendlowe, Manchester Parish, yeoman, by will gave iij*s.* iv*d.* towards the mending of the highway betwyxt Ardwycke and Grendlowe, and appointed his son Robert executor. (Chet. Soc., vol. 21, NS., p. 55).

On Sep. 26, 1570, John Byron of Colwick, Notts., Esq., sold to Edward Sidall of The Slade [in Rusholme township], for £140 four closes called Grinlowe Marsh in Gorton [detached], containing about seventeen acres, then lately occupied by Ralph

Bordman, but then by Thos. Baylye, and adjoining a close called Biron Earthe. On the north was property of the Manchester College; on the west the highway to Stopford; on the south the Two Acres field, Collynfield, and Three Acres Close; and on the east property of Ralph Byram. (*Manchester City News*, N. and Q., No. 3817, March 21, 1885–7).

On May 10, 1694, Mary, widow of Dr. Birch, was "buried in the somerhouse in the garden in Grindloe" (Manchester Collegiate Church Register), and about 1874 at Grindlow House a large coffin was found in the garden by the summer-house, with traces of an inscription containing the name Mary. *Manchester Guardian*, Local N. and Q., No. 930).

In 1721 John Higson farmed Grindlow Marsh Farm, which is in Gorton, to the north of the brook which skirted the north side of Kirkmanshulme. He was a London carrier, and kept eighty pack horses. He used to carry a load of meal from Manchester on his back to save his horses. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 84).

In 1773 Grindlow Marsh Farm belonged to Francis Reynolds, Esq., of Strangeways Hall. He was M.P. for Lancashire, and was father of the first Lord Ducie. In 1785 it belonged to Thos. Reynolds, second Baron Ducie of Tortworth. He died on Sep. 11, 1785.

KENYONS.

ON Feb. 6, 1674–5, Abraham Kenyon of Kirkmansholme, clerke, took from the Warden and Fellows a lease of *Kenyon's Tenement* in Kirkmansholme, lately held by Joseph Kenyon, Abraham's father; rent 21*s.* and a capon or hen.

This lease was renewed on June 4, 1695, by John Syddall of Slade, yeoman, with fields called Three Acres, Two Marled feilds, Barne flat or platt and orchard, Meadow, Wood, Pihue,[1]

[1] The field-name Pihue is met with in Stretford and Urmston, where those townships adjoin near the Mersey, and there it is variously spelt Pechue, Pig-hooe, Pig-hye, Pi-hew, and these forms show that it can hardly mean Pee-wit or Plover, as the *h* represents a guttural sound in the original form of the word.

and Hr. and Lr. Banke; contents twenty-one acres; rent 20*s.* He renewed in Oct. 1728, 1735, Jan., 1749, and Feb., 1765, when the contents were twenty-three acres, and rent 28*s.* He again renewed in Feb., 1772, at £3 18*s.* 9*d.* rent.

On May 28, 1675, Isabell Kenyon of Kirkmanshulme, widowe, surrendered a prior lease, and renewed it for *Kenyon's* messuage or tenement in Kirkmanshulme; rent 26*s.* 8*d.*, and two good hens at Christmas and a capon at Easterday. She renewed the lease in Feb., 1690–1, and 1697–8, but in Jan., 1735–6, it was renewed by Edward Beswick of Manchester, chapman. Beswick died, and the lease was renewed in Jan., 1740–1, by Thos. Worthington of Kirkmanshulme, husbandman. He further renewed in 1764.

In Jan., 1742–3, John Fletcher of Manchester, yeoman, renewed the lease, but in June next obtained leave to assign it to Thomas Worthington, who renewed in May, 1757; and in Aug., 1778, it was renewed by George Ackers of Manchester, chapman, at £3 7*s.* 6*d.*, and a capon at Easter.

In 1742 its former holders had been Isabel Kenyon, John Kenyon, and Edward Beswick.

PINK PANK LANE.

THIS appears to be the correct and ancient form of the name. It is now more often styled Pink *Bank* Lane in ignorance of the origin of the old name, which was probably descriptive, and may have come from the sound made by pack horses or clog-shod passengers on the former cobblestone surface between high banks. It would be thus related to the modern game of "Ping Pong," and had a local relative in "Bing Bang," the nickname of Robert Robinson, a waiter at the Waggon and Horses Inn on Stockport Road, Kirkmanshulme, which inn was however territorially part of Moss Side township in days not long gone by. Robert's nickname was taken from a tune which he skilfully played on a pair of fire-tongs. He died in 1845, aged sixty-one. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 193).

Besides Pink Pank Lane (which is named in the Newton Manor Court Records in April, 1584, and Oct., 1642, there was a Pink Pank Wood (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 188), which was on the west side of the lane and south side of Nicker Ditch.

In Watkin's *Roman Lancashire*, 1883, pp. 88–9, the following description of this old road was taken from the *Manchester Guardian* (date not given, but probably before 1852 and communicated by Mr. John Higson, as it is set out at page 43 of his *Gorton Historical Recorder*):—It is generally known as the Old London Road. The old people state that it was currently believed in their younger days that one branch went from Rochdale and another from Manchester (uniting at Kirkmanshulme) to Macclesfield and London [passing through Stockport].

[Coming from Stockport northwards], on leaving Levenshulme, near the junction of that township with those of Reddish and Gorton, it crosses the Nicker Ditch into Gorton township, and shortly afterwards makes a turn [westward] and proceeds along a portion of the margin of the Gorton racecourse, where it is laid to the field. Directly after leaving the racecourse at the south-west angle, it [turns north and] exists in something like its primitive state until it enters Kirkmanshulme, where it divides, one branch passing [westward] through Crowcroft to the Stockport Road, and the other passing [to the east of] Knutsford Vale Printworks (Knutsford or Nut's-ford is a modern appellation) up to Ked (Kirkmanshulme) Lane [following in all probability the township boundary line both north and south of Ked Lane], re-enters the township of Gorton [at Belle Vue gates], crosses the [modern] Hyde Road [and continues in a direct line northwards to Corn Brook], crosses the Corn Brook, and enters the Openshaw township. This portion is known as The Old Green Lane. [From Gorton Brook it follows the same line northwards, and] after passing [at right angles] over the old and new Ashton roads, it proceeds through [just within the rails of] Philips Park [and over the River Medlock into Newton township], and thence to Rochdale.

The foregoing description, so far as it concerns the southerly part of the lane, may be compared with a note on "The old road from Stockport to Gorton," communicated by my late brother, Rev. Addison Crofton, Vicar of St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, to the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. (*Transactions*, vol. iii., p. 194):—Pink Bank Lane or old London Lane runs from Lane End Farm [Reddish, five miles south of Manchester] to a little beyond Wyngate House [at the easterly end of Talleyrand Lane, Levenshulme], dividing the parishes [or townships] of Heaton Chapel and Levenshulme from Reddish. It is part of an old pack horse road, which formerly ran from Stockport to Gorton, and is marked on the ordnance maps [surveyed about 1844] as "Paved Lane." [At its southerly end] within a few yards [west] of its junction with Broadstone Road [Reddish] lies a strip of an old Roman way about half a mile in length, which is still used as part of the old road from Stockport to Manchester. Pink Bank Lane disappears at Wyngate House, and grassy fields ensue, but if the fields be crossed a portion of the old road is found, which crosses the Nico ditch at right angles, and is still very clearly defined by ditch, bank, and old stunted oaks on either side. About two hundred yards or thereabouts of it may still be seen, detached and enclosed at either end with posts and rails, which are fitted with stiles for foot passengers. It appears to have been originally laid with cobble stones, and tradition tells of the pavement being visible not many years ago. It is said also that the original roadway may be seen under the turf in some of the adjoining fields on the Gorton side, though not a vestige of pavement remains in the part of the road which is still used.

Mr. Higson's description of the northerly part of the lane may be supplemented from Mr. Wm. Harrison's *Pre-turnpike Highways* in Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society *Transactions* (vol. ix., pp. 126–7), where he mentions that in 1781 an *Enumeration of Salford Hundred Bridges* included "Smithy Bridge between Heaton [in Prestwich Parish] and Bleackley, on

the road from Rochdale to Stockport," and he describes this road as leaving the Rochdale and Manchester old road at Heaton [in Prestwich, on the north], and, crossing the Irk by the bridge just mentioned, it passed [southwards] through Newton, Openshaw, Gorton, and Reddish. The first [or northerly] part of it is shown in Harrison's map of Lancashire, 1789 [and Green's map in 1787]. A length at Gorton was indicted in 1782, and was then described as part of the road from Rochdale to Stockport [and see vol. i., pp. 219–220 *ante*, for an indictment of Graver Lane in Newton in 1779, that lane being there alleged to lead from Stockport to Rochdale. The Ashton Canal Act of 1793[1] authorised at diversion at [Gorton House] Gorton of the other Saltersgate which passed through Failsworth, which will be found described under the heading "Lord Lane" in the Failsworth section, *ante*, pt. ii., p. 245].

The northerly Bradford portion of the old road was called Mill Lane, and was apparently known about 1282 as Saltesgate. It is so styled in a release [one of the Trafford muniments, transcribed in the *Raines MSS.*] of about that date by Richard de Buron to Robert Grelle (seventh baron of Manchester, who died in 1282), whereby Richard released his right in common pasture in Mamecestre Manor, and in its members and demesnes, reserving to himself and his heirs, and to his men of

[1] The Act was 33 George III., cap. 21, and authorised the construction of the branch canal from Clayton demesne, Droylsden, southwardly to Lancashire Hill, Stockport, opposite the Boars' Heads Inn on Stockport Road, with an easterly branch from it, starting from Taylor's Barn, Reddish, to Beat Bank, overlooking the Tame in Denton, and adjoining the Ashton Road there; also the branch already mentioned in the Failsworth section (*ante*, vol. ii., part ii., p. 228), passing northwardly from Woodhouses Aqueduct Bridge in Ashton parish to Stake Leach at Hollinwood. The road diversion was to take two public roads, namely, the one from Gorton village, which then passed near the south side of Robert Grimshaw's house [Gorton House] (eastwardly to and across Debdale Brook), and the road from Gorton village to Stockport, over the canal by one bridge, and to abolish the length of road from the gate leading to Grimshaw's house as far as Hardy's Barn in Gorton, and to substitute a road from thence direct, through lands of Robt. Grimshaw and Elizabeth Grimshaw, widow, to the junction "of the present road at Debdale Brow."

Clayton, a right of common along with the men of Atherdwic (Ardwick), within certain bounds [which embraced at least the westerly half of Bradford], commencing [on the north] at Medlock Ford [Bradford Bridge], and from there [southwardly] by Saltesgate [Mill Lane] as far as the hedge [*sepem*] of Clayton, which is situated upon the Saltesgate, which [road] descends from the house which was that of Alexander Franceis [and follows Saltesgate southwardly] as far as into the Corn-broc, and then descending [westwardly] as far as into the enclosure of Atherdwic [Ardwick, near "Gorton Brook"] and by the enclosure of Atherdwic [northwardly] as far as into the bounds of Bexwic [Beswick], and by the bounds of Bexwic [eastwardly] to the bounds of Brade-ford, and by the bounds of Bradeford [northwardly to the Medlock, and then eastwardly along the Medlock] to the Saltesgate [Mill Lane at Bradford Bridge].

The difficulty in this identification is in fixing "the hedge of Clayton," because Mill Lane does not touch the boundary of Clayton (otherwise Droylsden township), but possibly the boundary of the reservation ran from the southerly end of Mill Lane proper, not westwardly to and then southwardly along Grey Mare Lane, but in a direct line south-eastwardly to the boundary of Clayton, near Clayton Colliery, and then followed the easterly boundary of Bradford to and across Ashton Old Road, and down the tributary brook to the Corn-brook.

Another interpretation of this release would require Saltesgate to have its northerly beginning further to the north-east at Newton Chapel, proceeding thence southwardly along Culcheth Lane, past Culcheth Hall to the Medlock, crossing that river by Medlock Ford, which would be at Medlock Vale Printworks, and so forwards in a direct south-westerly line to and past Clayton Hall, and onwards in the same line past Clayton hamlet to and across Ashton Old Road, and down the tributary brook to the Corn-brook. This road is clearly shown on Johnson's map in 1820.

In case this alternative identification is correct "the house of Alexander Franceis" [*i.e.*, the Norman] would be Culcheth Hall, which is on high ground, and not Bradford Hall, which was on low ground, and the "hedge of Clayton" may have been the easterly paling round Clayton Park.

In any case, Mr. Higson's conjecture that the Saltersgate mentioned in this document was Edge Lane, Droylsden, seems incorrect.

Saltersgate was, however, a very common name for old roads. In times of yore salt used to be carried on pack horses from the Cheshire brine pits to all parts of the country, and the tracks followed by the salt-hawkers' pack horses were known as "Salters'-gates," meaning roads.

In a Deed of the time of Henry III. or Edward I., Saltersgate in Hindley, near Wigan, is mentioned. (*Lancashire and Cheshire Historical Notes*, 1878, p. 20). There was also a Salt Lode at Keuerdley, near Warrington. (*Mamecestre*, p. 386).

Canon Raines in *Notes and Queries*, vol. iv., p. 382, wrote that "Salter" is a term applied in the North of England to places adjoining ancient roads, and instances "Saltersgate" as the name for the old highway from Rochdale to Burnley; also the old road from Rochdale to Hebden Bridge crossed "Salter's Edge," otherwise called Blackstone Edge, and the road from Rochdale to Middleton crossed "Salter Edge" in Hopwood, and the road from Ashton-under-Line to Penistone crossed "Saltersbrook" in the Cheshire woodlands, and all these roads led to the Cheshire saltworks. Salters Lane in Eccles leads to an ancient ford.

Closer to Kirkmanshulme there was a Saltergate. It was evidently the same as Burnage or Slade Lane, and came out of Cheshire across one of the fords over the Mersey at Didsbury. The name was used in 1320 when the Surveyors of Manchester Manor recorded that "the Mersee" is the mete between the county of Chester and Heton; Mere-clou between Redyche and Heton; Kryngel-broke between Levenshulme and Heton;

Saltergate [Burnage Lane] between Withington [manor, of which Burnage and Didsbury were part] and Heton; and that the road called Saltergate is "*moved from its old place* [being probably not metalled, but only a soft-bottomed track], and is now used upon land of the Lord John le Warre of Heton." (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., p. 296, and note).

Saltersgate, otherwise Burnage Lane, is again mentioned in the 1320 survey of Manchester Manor, where it is noted that the Lord of Manchester was disseised of a rod of waste near Saltergate [Burnage] by Richard de Barlawe, holding of Sir Nicholas de Longforde [Lord of Withington Manor]. In 1781 the inhabitants of Manchester parish were indicted for not repairing Salters Lane [otherwise Slade Lane] in Rusholme, and were indicted again in 1784 for a continuation of it.

Another Saltersgate was further east, in Reddish, and is mentioned in 1322 in the extent of Manchester Manor, of which the southerly boundary is described as following [from the east] the midstream of Tame, between the county of Chester and Ashton [under Lyne], as far [west] as the Mere [that is, Boundary]-Clou [which must have been the Clough at the south-east angle of Reddish township, where Denton Brook runs into the Tame] at Reddish, and following Mere-Clough [otherwise Denton Brook, and a westerly branch of it] as far [northwards] as *Saltersgate*,[1] [that is Dane Shut Lane, otherwise Windmill Lane, Denton, which ran eastwardly from

[1] Another version of the bounds reads :—Following the bounds between Oldham and Clayton [Manor] to the bounds of Ashton-under-line to the middle of the water of Tame, and so to the Merestone (or Blew-stone) at Reddish, and so to Saltgate, and following the Trench at Reddish to Makleditch, to Pete ingate, to Torspotts, inter Heaton and Redish to Mon-brook to ye joyning of Thame and Mersey. (*Mamecestre*, p. 395 *n.*).

In May, 1904, E. W. (æt. over eighty) of Dane Shot Bank, Denton, recorded in the *Manchester City News*, N. and Q., No. 10,206, that the Blue-stone still lies at a sharp turn of Windmill Lane, just on the boundary between Reddish and Denton; and Robert Browning of Oak Street, Southport (No. 10,181), explained that it stood in Thorniley Lane, on a small three-cornered piece of land, close to the boundary of Denton, and was well known to old residents.

Reddish Lane to and past Denton Hall], and [from Saltersgate] following the ditch of Reddish [alongside of Thorneley Lane, northwardly], as far as into Muchil-dich [that is, the Muckle or Great Ditch, nowadays better known as Nicker Ditch], and following that [westwards] as far as the Peyten-enyate [Pink Pank Lane, the ingate or road to the peat moss for getting turf for fuel off Heaton Moor], and following that [southwards] to the turf-pits between Heaton Norris and Reddish [a little north of Lane End Farm, and on the further or westerly side of the Black-brook, otherwise Cringle-brook; these turf-pits account no doubt for the irregularity of the Reddish township boundary at this point], and from thence following [southwardly] the Mere-brook [which in the description *(ante)* of Saltersgate, otherwise Burnage Lane, is inaccurately styled Mere-clough, unless both the east and west bounds of Reddish were a Mere-clough] as far [south-eastwardly] as [Grimes' bottom,[1] a little north-east of] the junction of the Tame with the Mersey, and thence [westwardly] following Mersey as far as Stretford Brook, etc. (*Mamecestre*, pp. 330, 395 *n*, 396).

These bounds embraced the existing township of Reddish (Mr. Harland was led astray in his identifications by Mere-clough, which he placed on the west instead of on the east side), and Reddish was excluded from Manchester Manor in 1320 because it was one of the old thanage holdings, as shown by Mr. W. Farrer in his map which accompanies *Lancashire Pipe Rolls*, 1902, and his quotations and notes, pp. 210, 267, 403, 405.

Booker's *History of Denton* in the second volume of *Chetham Miscellanies* (Chet. Soc., vol. xxxvii.) throws no light on the identity of Mere-clough nor Saltersgate. No mention is made of them, and as confusion has existed about these several Salters'-gates, it has been thought pardonable to try and clear up the question here.

[1] This point is put beyond doubt by the statement twice made in this same Extent:—"And there is a certain several fishery in Merse to midstream from Grimes-botham as far as to Dites-bery Moor, worth 6*d*. (*Mamecestre*, pp. 329, 396).

The last of the series, namely Salters'-gate, otherwise Dane Shut Lane, was in ancient days part of a salter's track coming out of Cheshire over a ford at Didsbury, and passing eastwardly by way of Parr's Wood to and over Heaton Moor, and to and across Stockport Road at Heaton Chapel, and so forwards, past Pink Pank Lane and Hulme Hall, Reddish, into Reddish Lane at Reddish Green. The continuation of Reddish Lane past Dane-shut Lane ran northwardly past Aspinall Smithy into Abbey Hey Lane, and so onwards by Little Droylsden and Edge Lane, Droylsden, into Failsworth, where it was called Lord Lane and Saltersgate.

Pink Pank Lane is not shown on Green's map in 1783 (see the copy in vol. i., *ante*), but the course of Burnage Lane and Reddish Lane will be clearly seen there with the Dane-Shut branch passing Denton Hall.

CHAPTER III.

EARLY HISTORY AND MISCELLANEOUS.

KIRKMANSHULME formed part of the manor of Newton belonging to the Manchester Parish Church. This circumstance accounts for the two territories of Newton and Kirkmanshulme having been formed into the one township of Newton.

The origin of townships is confused and varying, but it is not unlikely that they are, in the main, relics of village or tribal communities, which assumed in Saxon times the title of tithings, and were modified in Norman and later times by feudal and masterful ideas of the land owners, of whom Holy Church was not one of the least powerful.

Although Kirdmansholme was an old form of the word, and the natives of the locality contracted Kird to Ked, it has been

conjectured that Kirkmanshulme is the correct form of the name, and means the Holm belonging to the Churchman, and no doubt the pronunciation "Kirk" if correct, is indicative of Saxon origin, the later and Norman form of the word being "Church."

It is quite possible that Kirkmanshulme belonged to the Manchester Parish Church in Saxon times, long before that church was collegiated.

The form and position of Kirkmanshulme are noteworthy. Its boundaries are roughly rectangular. It lies on the south side of a brook running from east to west for some distance, and dividing the Chorlton Row [afterwards Chorlton-upon-Medlock] and Gorton townships on the north side, from the Moss Side and Rusholme townships and Kirkmanshulme hamlet on the south side.

The Roman Road from Manchester to Stockport formed, at right angles to this brook, the dividing line between Chorlton Row township and Gorton township which are north of the brook, and those two townships had simple boundaries, whereas on the south side of this boundary-brook the townships are in a fragmentary state, and bits of Moss Side, Rusholme, Gorton and Newton (Kirkmanshulme), are clustered together.

Such a condition as this is usually to be accounted for by a division into severalty of waste land previously enjoyed in common by the surrounding communities or landowners, coupled also with the manorial system which allowed several scattered properties to be grouped together as members of a manor, and this manorial grouping developed at a later date into a township, which was convenient to the tenants as they were accustomed to have their affairs regulated by the Manor Court, in which they took a more or less leading part.[1]

The tenants of several manors often had rights in common over waste land for grazing, getting turf for fuel, and so forth.

[1] Compare the changes in Newton, Failsworth, and Droylsden townships, mentioned *ante*, vol. ii., part ii., p. 268–70.

Subsequently the manorial lords divided these waste lands amongst themselves.

Thus originally the inhabitants or owners of Chorlton Row, Moss Side, Rusholme, Gorton and Kirkmanshulme, had rights in common over Grindlow Marsh on the north and south sides of the brook, and at some time agreed to a division into separate parts. When this was done, and Gorton took the small triangular piece east of Stockport Road and north of the Gore or Gorton Brook, Kirkmanshulme received a similar triangular fragment west of Stockport Road and south of the Gore Brook.

How far these township boundaries or divisions may have been determined by Roman Agrimensores, during the Roman occupation of Britain, it is impossible to say, but Stockport Road and Nicker or Mickle Ditch (which crosses that road half-way between Manchester and Stockport), are undoubtedly due to the engineering skill of the Romans.

The road may have been a British track before the Romans straightened it, but the almost direct line east and west of the Mickle or Nicker Ditch can hardly be put to the credit of the barbarians that preceded and succeeded those conquerors of Britain. The Ditch extends from Ashton Moss in Audenshaw township on the east, to the Gore Brook (south-west of Platt Hall, Rusholme), on the west, a distance of three and a half miles.

Mr. Higson in his *M.S.*, p. 3, gives the following account of Kirkmanshulme hamlet:—A large portion of Newton proper and the whole of Kirkmanshulme, have been Church property from time immemorial. The first indirect mention of Kirkmanshulme is the Domesday Survey, compiled about 1080–6, which says "The Church of St. Mary [in Manchester] and the church of St. Michael [in Ashton-under-Lyne], held in [the district of] Mamecestre, one carucate [plough land] of land [viz., Kirkmanshulme], free of all duty except [Dane-]geld." From this exception it may be inferred that the grant to the church was

made prior to the Danish invasion, and to the imposition of Dane-geld.

In the *Foundations of Manchester* (vol. iv., p. 19), it is stated that a law was enacted in the time of the Saxons that, when more than one church rose up in a parish, the younger participated in the endowment of the older one, even to a third, and shared with her in all tithes and oblations, save the church scot, which was continued to the mother church as an acknowledgment of her superiority. J(ohn) H(arlan)D in a letter to the *Manchester Guardian*, dated April 21, 1853, pointed out that this law clearly admitted of the existence of two churches within the original parish of Manchester, one of which might well be that of St. Michael's at Ashton, instead of being a church (of which no vestige had ever been found) at Alport, as Whitaker in his *History* had conjectured.

Dr. Hibbert Ware (*Foundations of Manchester*, vol. i., p. 5), says "In Manigceastre [Manchester], a carucate of land was [or had been] given to the two churches of St. Mary and St. Michael. This carucate has been supposed, with good reason, to have been the hamlet, and tract of land annexed to it, of the Kirk-man's-hulme, which had been devoted by some Saxon thegn (or Thane) to the support of the Kirk-man (the (Saxon rendering of the Latin *persona ecclesiæ*, or parson of the Church) of the Saxon Manig-ceastre."

Whitaker in his *History*, supposes that in A.D. 627, Christianity was introduced into Manchester, and that the hamlet of Kirkmanshulme was colonised by the Saxons and was afterwards assigned by one of the Thanes to the Parish Church. Whitaker further says that a carucate contained 240 statute acres, and he gives the area of Kirkmanshulme as 239 a. 2 r. 39 p., and Johnson's Survey of 1820 gives the contents as 247 acres.

Dr. Hibbert Ware (*Foundations of Manchester*, vol. i., pp. 5-6), thus comments on the assertions of the learned but speculative historian: "At what time the grant was made to the church,

or churches of Manchester, is perfectly uncertain. Dr. Whitaker has supposed, without any proof, that it originated in an early Saxon period with the first thegn of the district! We find no mention of the grant, however, until the time of Edward the Confessor [more accurately William the Conqueror], the record first appearing in the Domesday Survey." [*see above.*]

The name of this isolated hamlet or portion of Newton Heath is popularly pronounced "Kedma'sume" (Higson, *MS.*, p. 3), and Kirkmanshulme Lane was called Ked Lane by aged natives. In 1320 it was spelt phonetically Curmesholme (Harland's *Mamecestre*, vol. ii., p. 295); in 1322 it was spelt Kermonsholm; in 1535, in Henry VIII.'s Ecclesiastical Survey, Karmansholme and Cardmansholme (*Foundations*, vol. 1, appendix, p. 384); in 1556 Kyrdinmansholme; in 1578 Kirdinmansholme; in 1635 Kirkmanshulme otherwise Kirkmansholme (see vol. ii., part 1, pp. 28-9, 126 *n.*, *ante*). The Yates-Green map of Lancashire in 1787, calls the place by mistake Kirkham's hulme.

In 1212 The Great Inquest of Service recorded that Albert Gredle gave iiij bovates of land of his demesne to the church of Mamecestre in alms. Mr. Farrer, in *Lancashire Inquests, etc.* (Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc., vol. 48, p. 57), notes that Domesday survey points to the original endowment of the church of Manchester having been half a carucate. He adds that there is no doubt that the gift made by Albert Grelly II. (1154-62) was Kirkman's hulme.

In 1547 King Edward VI. took possession of some of the college property because Warden Collier denied the King's supremacy, but Queen Mary in 1553 reinstated him as warden, and restored to the church six messuages in Manchester, Newton, and Kirkmanshulme, with the tithes of the whole parish.

In 1558 the Crown took the college lands and revenues, and the College was dissolved in 1578, but was shortly afterwards reconstituted with its old possessions.

The *Manchester Court Leet Records*, as edited by Mr. Earwaker, contain the following items :—

vol. ii., p. 40]. 1590, Ap. 23. Rodger Kenyon of Kirdmanshulme, is depted synce ye laste Leete courte, and Thomas Kenyon is his sonne and heyre, and of the age of 65 yeares, and is to doe his sute for his land he houldeth in Mylnegate. Thomas was admitted.

[Note]. Roger Kenyon of Kirkmanshulme, householder, was buried at the College Church, Jan. 23, 1589–90. He must have been nearly ninety years old, as his son was sixty-five.

ii., 216]. 1606, Ap. 24. Hughe Kenyon of Kirdmanshulme, is depted since the last Courteleete, and Thomas Kenyon is his sonne and heire, and is of ffull age, and is to doe his sute. Thomas was admitted. [Note]. On Feb. 15, 1606–7, Alice, d. of Thos. Kenyon of Kare-mans-holme, was bapt^d at Stockport Parish Church.

vii., 247]. 1756, Apr. 29. Philip Wrothwell of Kirkmanshulme, for exposing to sale five and a half pounds of Butter short of weight [fined] 10*s*.

The volume of magisterial proceedings at Manchester between 1616 and 1622, edited by Mr. Ernest Axon for the Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc. (vol. 42), supplies the following information pertaining to Kirkmanshulme :—

1616, May 26. Roger Bexwicke of Kerdmansholme, was bail for Thomas Robinson and Isabella, his wife, who had both been summoned by Joan Williamson, alias Johnson, of Heaton Norris (p. 3).

1617, June 20. John Marler of Kerdmansholme, husbandman, was summoned by Nicholas Oldham, constable of Broughton, and Richard Marler of K., husbdman., was bail for John Marler (p. 29).

1617–8, Feb. 9. Edwd. Marler of Kerdmansholme, laborer, was bound over with Richd. Marler of Manch., husbandman, and Geo. Ouldham of Kerdmansholme, laborer, as bondsmen, to keep the peace towards Thos. Harisson of Manch., laborer (p. 35).

1618, Sep. 27. John Marler of Kerdmansholme, yeoman, was bound with Richd. Prestwich of Broughton, husbandman, to keep the Peace and appear at the next Sessions (p. 56).

1618, Dec. 12. John Marler of Kerdmansholme, husbandman, was bound over not to use any house of unlawful gaming, nor to play at any unlawful game (p. 72).

1619, Ap. 24. John Marler of Kerdmansholme, was bail for Jervase Thorpe of Littlemosse, in Ashton parish (p. 85).

1619–20, Mar. 18. John Marler of Kedmansholme, husbandman, was bail for Richd. Marler of Manch., husbandman (p. 102).

1620, Apr. 26. John Marler of Kerdmansholme, husbandman, was bound over to appear at the next Sessions, and Roger Beswicke of the same place, husbandman, was one of his bail (p. 105).

1620, May 30. John Marler, Geo. Ouldham, and Edward Marler of Kerdmansholme, husbandmen, were summoned by Robt. Baguley of Newton, yeoman (p. 115).

The *Manchester Constables' Accounts* contain the following items relating to Kirkmanshulme or neighbourhood :—

vol. i., p. 66]. Year ending Oct., 1620. Itm pd. for keepinge John Kenyon of Greenlow, and Peter Gibson in the Dungeon a weake, iij*s.* viij*d.*

p. 119] 1623–4, ffeb. 11. paid to Richard Hunt and Raphe Mills for caryinge a creeplee to Grindlowe and for meate for him, 10*d.*

p. 175]. feb. 22, 1625–6. Made seairche vpon a hewe and crye for a weomē about xx yares of age, wch hathe stollne in Ratchdall prishe, frome Stocke howse, Coates and moore things, and delyvered this hewe and crye at Gryndlowe, 8*d.*

p. 181]. 1626, Dec. 2. Pd. for a passe for Roger Normeton of Darbishire, and sent to grindlowe, 6*d.*

p. 182]. 1626, Dec. 6. pd. for a passe for Thomas Weever of Tydsow, and sent to grindlowe, 6*d.*

p. 287]. 1632, Dec. 1: Recd. of the Cunstable of Newton and Kirdmanshulme, for the Must^r^ Maist^r^, 7*s.* 8*d.*

The commencement of the great Civil War is connected with the little hamlet of Kirkmanshulme in the following way.

When King Charles the first raised his standard at Nottingham in 1642, Lord Strange returned to Lancashire to recruit for the King. He was invited to a banquet in Manchester by some of the chief men there who were Royalists, and he entered the town on July 15, 1642, in his coach, accompanied by the Sheriff (Lord Molyneux, who was his son-in-law), Sir Alexander Radcliffe, K.B., of Ordsall, and others. The Boroughreeve and Constable attended the banquet, and while it was going on some twenty or more of the townsfolk who were disaffected to the King flocked together in arms, with Captains Holcroft and Birch as leaders, and blocked up the two ends of the street in which Lord Strange was. The Sheriff, who was at the banquet,

ran downstairs and attempted to disperse them, but without success, whereupon Lord Strange came down and went along the street. Before he reached the end of it he was shot at three times, it is believed, by his relative, Sir Thos. Stanley of Bickerstaffe, who was against the side of the King, and three weeks previously had forestalled Lord Strange in seizing a large quantity of gunpowder, which was stored at the college in Manchester. One of the gentlemen of Lord Strange's party was struck on the head, whereupon his assailant was killed on the spot. The name of the man who was thus killed was Richard Percival, but who killed him is uncertain. Percival was a linen webster from Kirkmanshulme, and his death was afterwards made a count in the impeachment of high treason exhibited in Parliament against Lord Strange on Sept. 16, 1642 [see the full text thereof, *Foundations of Manchester*, vol. i., p. 199]. Lord Strange on Sept. 29th of that year succeeded to the Earldom of Derby. (*Lanc. and Ches. Historic Soc.*, NS., vol. v., p. 154, and vol. vii., p. 256; *Civil War Tracts*, Chet. Soc., vol. ii., pp. 31–5).

The burial of Richard Percival of Grindlowe, is recorded on July 18th, 1642, at the Collegiate Church, Manchester.

The *Manchester Constables' Accounts* have no entry between June 11 and July 18, 1642, during which time the Coroner's inquest would be held, but on Aug. 7 that year occurs "p^d^ Rich. Parsivall for going for cor[o]ner, 1*s*." This namesake of the deceased was the Manchester constable's assistant, and his name occurs often in the accounts, both before and after that time.

In 1649 the tithes within Manchester parish included:—Kirkmanshulme, iiij*li*; Slade Greenlowe and Chorlton, xv*li*; Rusholme, vj*li*; Birch Hall and Houses, iiij*li*; ffallowfeild, v*li*; Mosside, iij*li* vj*s*. viijd.; Ledsham, x*li*; Bromage, ix*li*.

On Feb. 4, 1655–6, the trustees of Gorton parsonage included Richd. Taylor, Nicholas Somester and Francis Wood, all three of Kirkmanshulme, yeomen. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 68).

Nicholas Somester was one of the Gorton constables who took the oath of allegiance to Charles II. on October 7, 1661, at Manchester Court Leet. (*op. cit.*, p. 70).

In 1743 "Mr. Hibbert served for Lady Leaver's house, Longsight," and "Samuel Tennant for Mr. Dickinson's house, Longesight, served as officer" (overseer) in 1768, according to the Chorlton Row Poor Rate Book.

In 1745 Thos. Worthington had a farm in Kirkmanshulme Lane, and the Scotch rebels as they passed it in 1745 took from a field at Grindlow Marsh Farm a valuable horse in exchange for an old worn-out beast.

It is said that Longsight takes its name from a remark by a general of the Scotch army, who was quartered at the Red Lion (near Church Inn), that it was a Long Sight to the town of Manchester. The name Longsight has, however, been already shown (suprà) to occur at least two years before 1745, and on May 15, 1706, Mary, wife of Peter More of Longsight, malt carrier, was buried at Manchester Collegiate Church. The word is more likely to be a corruption of the field-name Long-shut.

At Sunny Brow Farm, a young crofter named Joseph Taylor, shot a butcher named Green from Stockport, thinking he was a rebel. Taylor was afterwards a bleacher and farmer in Openshaw, and died in 1800, aged 80. His son, James, kept the Pack Horse Inn, Openshaw, and died there, leaving a son James, who in 1852 was an eminent silk manufacturer at Newton Heath, his firm being Harrop, Taylor and Pearson, who are referred to in the following lines:—

> And blithe are the smiles of that mirth and good-cheer's son,
> The last of the firm Harrop, Taylor, and Pearson.

(*Gimcrackiana*, by John Stanley Gregson, Manchester, 1833, p. 178, and see *ante*, vol. i., p. 34; vol. ii., pt. 1, p. 173).

In 1801 Josiah Oldham died. He lived near Whiteley Bridge, Gorton, and some years before his death erected on the Gore Brook, near the Kirkmanshulme boundary, a large wooden

shed with a Cotton Billy or engine in it, turned by a water-wheel. It was not successful. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 129).

In 1809 Kirkmanshulme Lane was so out of repair that the carriage of Mrs. Hague of Fielding's Folly, Gorton, stuck in the mud. Next day she went to Manchester and indicted the road. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 135).

As already shown (*ante*, vol. ii., pt.1., p. 146), Kirkmanshulme was linked with Newton when Newton was formed into a Local Board of Health District in 1854.

At the enquiry held June 14, 1858, by Alfred L. Dickens, C.E., as Superintending Inspector for the General Board of Health, respecting the proposed severance of Kirkmanshulme from the District of the Newton Local Board of Health, Mr. Samuel Duckers, who had represented Kirkmanshulme on the Local Board, showed that, in return for above £662 raised, the hamlet had had £72 spent on it, but its wish for a supply of gas had been ignored. John Jennison described how six feet of water blocked Kirkmanshulme Lane, where it passed under the railway, owing to the drain having silted up. Mr. Dickens recommended the severance from Newton Local Board, and an Order to that effect was made in consequence, and was confirmed by the Local Government Supplemental Act, 1859 (22 Vict., cap 31). Kirkmanshulme was thereby made a township for highway purposes.

For Poor Law purposes, Kirkmanshulme is within the Prestwich Union, as having been formerly part of the abolished township of Newton, and for sanitary purposes it is under the Prestwich Guardians as the Rural Sanitary Authority.

Before 1885 Kirkmanshulme was part of the South East Division of Lancashire, but under the Redistribution of Seats Act, 1885, it became part of the South Division of the City of Manchester, and the main body of the old Newton township was divided into two, along the centre of Oldham Road, the part lying on the north-west side being included in the North

Division of the City, and the part lying on the south-east side being included in the North East Division of the City.

The Freeholders of the whole of the old Newton township and of Bradford township are included in the Stretford Division of the County of Lancaster.

APPENDIX.

THE following list of Manchester College tenants in 1578 may be compared with the list for 1546 already given (vol. ii., p. 1, p. 40), and might have been inserted at page 50. The names appear in the Royal Charter of 1578, and are repeated with slight variations (indicated here by brackets), in the Charters of subsequent dates, as set forth in *Foundations of Manchester*, pp. 94, 159, 406. They are "for Manchester, Newton, Deansgate, and Kirkmanshulme." The variations are no doubt due to copyists' errors.

Avin (Awin, Owen), Wm.
Bagaley, Nicholas
Barlow, James
Barne (Barnes), Ralph
Barrows, Henry
Beech, Elizabeth, widow
Beswick, Richd.
Bibby, Ralph, for Knott
Blomeley, Edmund (or Edward)
Bolton, Thos.
Boardman, Edwd.
,, Hugh
,, Otiwell, Otto
Bowker, Nicholas
[Browfield or Dronfield]
Buerdsall, Thos.
Byron (Berron), Sir (Esq.)
Byron (Byrom), Adam
Coup (Cowper), John
Darbyshire, Peter
Dawson, James
[Dawson or Vaux]
Dronfield, Brumfield or Browfield, John
Gimney (Genny, Jenney), Robt.
Glover, James
Hall, Godfrey (or Geoffrey)
,, Hugh
,, Stephen
,, Thomas (1 and 2)
Harrison, Richd.
Hartley, Hugh
,, wife of Richd.
Hayworth (Haworth), Edmd. (or Edward)
Hodgkinson (Hutchinson), Nicholas
Hollingworth (Hollinsworth), Thos.
Holland, Adam
[Hill or Hall]
Hilton, Thos.
Hulme, Robert
Kemp, Ralph
Kenyon (Kennion), John
,, Elizth.
,, Thos.
[Kenshaw or Renshaw]
Leigh (Lee), Charles
,, Robert
Marlor, John
,, Ralph
Morris (Norris, Norrice), John
[Nevinson for Stevenson]
Pendleton, Edward
Percival, Magdalene
,, Nicholas (or Richd.)
Pilkington, Adam
Proudlove, George
Rawlinson, George
Reddish, George (1 and 2)
Renshaw (Kenshaw), Hamnett or Hamlet
Riddlestones, James
Sheppard, Anthony
Smith, Roger (or George)

Smith, James
,, John
,, Thomas
Sorocold, Edward
Nevenson (Nevinson), wife of Thomas
Trafford, Edmd., Esq.
Travis, George (1 and 2)
,, Hugh

Vaux (Dawson), wife of Richd.
Vaux (Dawson), wife of Thomas
Webster, Richard
Whitworth, John
,, Ralph
,, Richard
Winnington, Reynold

Wolsencroft, James;
also for Scotland Croft, Newton, John Whitworth;
nine acres in Newton, George Beech;
a parcel in Newton, Randle Kemp;
and another there, John Byron (or Berron), Esq.

The following list of the College tenants in 1757 might have been inserted at p. 113 of vol. ii., part 1, *ante*. It gives the names in Newton, Rusholme, etc., as surveyed by Wm. Broom of Didsbury. (*Foundations*, vol. 2, p. 151):—

TENANTS' NAMES	CONTENTS a.	r.	p.	VALUE PER ANN. £	s.	d.
John Lingard ...	24	2	16	36	10	0
Joseph Holt ...	14	1	9	17	14	3
Henry Hill ...	9	3	1	15	10	0
Daniel Bayley ...	6	2	28	13	0	0
James Fletcher ...	11	2	14	17	12	6
Peter Fletcher ...	9	3	21	15	1	3
Joseph Alexander	22	0	30	32	10	0
Thos. Worthington	25	1	2	23	17	6
John Siddall ...	23	2	1	28	2	6
Peter Worsley ...	23	3	18	21	5	0
,, ,, ...	3	2	9	5	0	0
Edward Greaves ...	38	2	27	49	0	0
,, for Priest Land	8	2	9	9	0	0
,, ,, Worthington	33	0	0	48	0	0
John Richardson ...	12	1	38	17	2	6
Thos. Battersbee ...	30	0	0	41	10	0
William Chorlton...	14	3	28	24	0	0
Taylor, tenements and cottages, Salford	89	2	15	98	0	0
John Clough ...	19	2	34	36	10	0
Widow Wroe ...	25	3	1	39	0	0
,, Boardman	25	1	30	31	15	0
,, Lightbourne	21	2	8	28	0	0
,, Winterbottom	12	2	26	17	10	0
John Clowes ...	24	3	3	35	10	0
Peter Elcock ...	1	1	29	5	0	0
Thos. Road ...	2	2	15	6	0	0
John Bell	7	0	0	12	0	0
Richard Harding ...	16	1	11	29	10	0
James Whitaker ...	22	2	21	36	0	0
Atkinson ...	14	1	31	18	5	0
Holland ...	44	3	39	90	0	0
Edward Chetham, Hole Bottom	11	2	0	17	5	0
do. do. ...	10	0	0	17	10	0
Total ..				£932	10	6

Baines' *Lancashire Gazetteer* for 1825 gives at pp. 681–2, and pp. 157–288 [items in brackets], the following list of inhabitants, etc., of Newton Heath, Failsworth, Bradford, and Kirkmanshulme, which fills in the interval between the Newton Chapel Rate Books of 1819 and 1837, and supplies some of the addresses and occupations to assist their identification.

NEWTON HEATH.

Agnew, Robt., M.D., Monsal La.
Andrew, Joshua, grcer., Monsal Ho.
[Ashton, Geo. Calenderer, Newton Lodge]
Ashworth, Mrs. M.
[Aspell, Jas., vict., White Hart, Miles Pl'g.
Bamford, Thos., gent.
Berry, Esther, Shears, N. Lane
[Birkenhead, Thos., sm. ware mfr., 120, Deansgate and Culcheth]
Booth, Willey, Three Crowns, N. Lane.
Briscoe, Abm. and John, woollen printers, N. La.
Brown, Geo., gardener and seedsman, N. La.
Chetham, M., land and bldg. agt., N. La.
[Chew, Wm. Christr., attorney, Monsel Ho.]
Clegg, Jas., Highw. Survr.
Filde, Joseph, Church Inn, N. H.
Garside, Saml., Bay Horse, Clayton Br.
Gaskell, Rev. Thos., incumbent
Goodier, John, gent., Graver La.
Haigh, David, keeper of Lun. Asm., N. La.
Hooley, Wm., wholesale brewer, N. H.
Houlton, widow, King's Arms, N. La.
[Hulme, John, tanner, Newton Grange]
Jackson, Saml., Cloth dresser, Monsal
Keymer, Robt., Esq., Culcheth Hall
Lord, Thos., joiner
Pegge, Wm., surgeon, N. La.
[Podmore, Thos., leather dealer, Miles Platting]
Rigg, John, gent., Monsal La.
Shepley, Ashton, Asst. Ovrsr., N. H.
Smith, John, Dog and Partridge, N. La.
Tattersall, Jas., bookkeeper, Miles P'lg
Timmis, Jas., Wheelwrt., N. La.
Tweedale, Jas., schlmr., N. H.
Waddington, Mrs. Martha
Welsh, Mrs. Ellen, N. La.
[Whitehouse, John, timber mercht.]
Wild, Thos., vict., Woodman, N. La.
Wood, Joshua, glue mfr., N. La.
,, Wm., gent., N. La.

Bleachers.

Hulme, Otho, and Sons, Medlock Vale
Todds and Hough, Culcheth [and silk and cotton mfrs.]

Calico Printers.

Hulme, Otho, and Sons
Wild, Robt., Bolton, and Bros., Clayton Mills

Cott. Mfrs.

[Barnes, Robt., and Son, Miles Pl'g, ho. Newton Lodge]
Barratt, John, and Sons (checks, ticks, etc.)
Briscoe, A. and J., Newton La.
Heywood, John (and spinner)
Whyatt, Joshua (checks)
Wilson, John, Longsight
[Wood, Joshua, glue mfr.]

Saddlers.

Barnes, Wm.
Wright, Jph., N. La.

Silk Mfrs.

Ashworth, John and T., Monsal La.
Todd, Joseph

Turkey Red Dyers.

Andrew, John
Ireland, Thos., N. Vale.

Yeomen.

Grimshaw, Joseph
Isherwood, Hugh

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Barrow, James, Bull's Head
,, John, Wheat Sheaf
,, William, Crown and Cushion
Booth, Jonathan, Cotton mfr., Pack Horse
Buckley, John, Dog and Partridge
Bury, Misses, Ladies' Boardg. Schl., Lodge
Chalk, Wm., Surgeon
Clegg, Andrew, shuttle maker
Hancock, Joseph, glazier, etc.
Hibbert, Wm., hatter
Hilton, John, silk mfr.
Hobson, John, gent.
Hulton, John, m'ftrg. agent
Lancashire, Joseph, corn dealer
[,, Philip, corn merchant]
Lane, Geo., Crown, Midway ho.
Lawton, J. and J., Cotton mfrs.
Mayall, John, gent.
Moffatt, Sarah, draper
Newton, Geo., plain and fcy. muslin mfr.
Newton, John, Three Crowns

Ogden, John, gent.
Ogden, Joseph, flour dealer
Robinson, Joseph, Grey Mare
Walmsley, Thos., corn dealer
Whitehead, John, Blk. Horse
,, Wm., bricklayer, etc.
Wolstencroft, Jas., joiner
,, Thos., timber mercht.
Worrall, James, bricklyr., etc.

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Murray, John, attorney
Samuels, John, fustian mfr.
Walker, John, vict., Belle Vue

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Addy, Chas., and Co., bleachers and printers, Clayton Vale
Brundret, Jas., dyer, Clayton
Wood, Geo., and Son, calico printers, Bank Br., Clayton

Openshaw included :—

Ryder, John, bleacher, Bradford
[Porter, Thos., coal proprietor, Bradford]

Vol. i., pp. 10, 146. John Berrie's business as a dyer in Oldham Street, Manchester, was founded before 1830 by Alexander Braik, and Mr. Berrie, who was a salesman in Wood and Westhead's warehouse, Piccadilly, Manchester, acquired the business on Mr. Braik's death. Some years after 1847 he bought the dyeworks of John Sellars at Newton, and called them Monsal Works. Hilton's dyeworks are distinct from these.

Vol. i., p. 14. The lane from Culcheth Lane, Newton, to Scutch Buttock is called Taylor Lane, and the lane to Robinson's Cottages is now known as Daisy Bank.

Vol i., p. 51. The Rev. Henry W. Dick, rector of St. Luke's, Chorlton-on-Medlock, succeeded the Rev. Ezra Holliday as rector of St. Luke's, Miles Platting, in February, 1904.

Vol. i., p. 59. In 1642 the Rev. Humphrey Barnet signed the Protestation at Manchester, and also at Newton. By 1646 he was minister at Oldham, and was nominated to the First Presbyterian Classis of Lancashire, but next year Oldham was vacant. He died, or left Oldham, between October 2, 1646, and March 4, 1646–7. (Gordon, *History of Dob Lane Chapel*, pp. 2–4).

Vol. i., p. 66. The Rev. William Coleburne was son of Henry Coleburne of Bury, co. Lancaster, chandler, and was educated at St. John's, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1657 as Angier's assistant at Denton, and then moved to Ellenbrook. He was arrested in 1663, and in 1666 he lost his character through malpractices in money matters. (Gordon, *Dob Lane Chapel*, p. 14).

Vol. i., p. 67. On October 28, 1702, Anne Lawton of Newton

married Johe Wylde of Oldham, clerke, (Shaw *Oldham Annals*, p. 234).

Vol. i., p. 108. John, son of Richard Beswick of Newton, was baptised at Manchester Collegiate Church, November 18, 1637, and Richard, son of Richard Beswicke was baptised there July 12, 1640. George, son of George Beswicke of Newton, was baptised at Manchester, October 27, 1664. The burials there included an infant of Richard Beswicke of Newton, February 11, 1635–6; Thos. Beswicke of Newton, December 18, 1689; Sarah, daughter of Thos. Beswicke of Newton, August 13, 1694; and Benjamin Beswicke of Newton, December 8, 1699.

Vol. i., p. 134. The Protestation was made at Manchester, February 28, 1641–2 by Humphrey Barnet, Minister of Newton Heath; Richard Hulme, chappelriue of the same; Thos. Fletcher and Henry Holt, constables of the same; and by the constables of Faylesworthe, Henry Lempe (*read* Kempe) and James Newton; the constables of Droylsden, John Beswicke and John Leiche, and the constable of Bradford, James Chorleton. (*Palatine Note-book*, i., 83).

Vol. i., p. 153. In 1688 John Gilliam's Executors paid 13*s.* for a Poor Ley in Newton, and 2*s.* 9*d.* to a man for a Ley in Newton. He was described as John Gilliam of Manchester [parish], gentleman. (Shaw *Oldham Annals*, p. 202).

Vol. i., p. 169. Richard Renshaw was born at Manchester in 1769, and died at Iowa Falls, U.S.A., September 5, 1859. He was the author of *Voyages to the Cape of Good Hope, Indian Ocean, and Up the Red Sea, with Travels in Egypt, &c.*, 1804; 2nd ed. 1813, dedicated to Thomas Worthington; 3rd ed. 1821, dedicated to Thomas Houldsworth; 4th. ed. 1837, dedicated to Daniel Grant.

Vol. i., p. 199. Elizabeth, daughter of Zenobia Ann Bowker, married Lewis Mathias of Gray's Inn, Esq.; and her sister Maria, married Robert Haly, Esq. (Booker's *Blackley*, pp. 176–7). The tombstone of Thomas Illingworth of Huntsbank is in the Manchester Cathedral where he was buried, March 25, 1670. Ann, his wife, was buried there June 28, 1694. She was daughter

of Robert Neild. Elizabeth, Thomas and Esther, children of his grandson Thomas, were buried there February 13, 1697, February 4, 1701, April 21, 1706; also Mary, wife of Capt. Robert Illingworth of the Earl of Drogheda's Dragoons. She died in 1697, leaving numerous issue. He died at Athlone in October, 1699. His wife was daughter of John Chadwick of Healey Hall. Thomas, son of the last named Thomas Illingworth, was buried at Manchester, May, 1794, aged 87, and left no issue. (*Foundations of Manchester*, ii., 305).

Vol. i., p. 210. The Culcheths of Culcheth in Makerfield, owned Olgreave Hall in Manchester, which John Culcheth bought in 1567, and in 1594 he leased it in conjunction with his wife Maud, to Robert Langley. It was variously known as Old Greave Hall, Langley Hall, and Culcheth Hall, *see Lanc. and Ches. Historical Notes*, 1875, p. 155; Earwaker's *Manchester Court Leet Records*, i., 309; ii., 62.

On April 13, 1607, administration was granted for the goods of William Culcheth late of Manchester, to his wife Jane and son Mathesale. (*Lanc. and Ches. Historical Notes*, i., 327).

Vol. i., p. 230. In 1483 George Manchester by Will gave to his son Roger, Janny's house of Bradforth and Geferous of Pedley. (*Manchester Literary Club Papers*, 1877, p. 210; *Manchester City News*, February 17, 1877).

Vol. i., p. 231. In 1534 Stephen Hulme of Hulme married Alice daughter and co-heiress of Robert Labrey. In 1586 Labrey's house is mentioned in the Manchester Court Leet Records. It stood not far from the site of the Manchester Infirmary.

In 1598 Mr. and Mrs. Labrey died within a day of each other, and no further record of the name occurs in the Manchester Registers. Robert was Sergeant at Arms to Henry VII. His daughter Elizabeth married William Hulton of Donnington, and another married Thomas Greenhalgh of Brandlesome, and died without issue.

Vol. i., p. 240. Lowe's property at Monsal may be the same

as "land in Newton, co. Lancaster, called Wylde's Tenement, which John Lowe of Denton, co. Lancaster, farmed in 1699 from the representatives of his mother-in-law Ellen, widow of Thomas Thorniley late of Water Meetings, Romiley, husbandman." John Lowe's wife was Rebecca, and their children John, Mary, James, and Joseph, were then under age. Ellen Thorniley's other son-in-law, John Sidebotham, was an executor of her Will. The family apparently included Robert Hide, sen., his wife Sarah, and their children Robt., jun., Elizabeth, Mary, and Thomas, of whom the last three were under age. (Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc., vol ii., pp. 96–7, 166–7).

The estate at Monsal which was bought by the Manchester Corporation contained eleven acres, and cost £5,250.

Vol. ii., p. 16. The Trust Deed relating to the Rev. Wm. Purnell's legacy of £200 was dated October 4, 1764, and is set out in *Foundations of Manchester*, ii., 111 *n.* His executors were John Markland and John Whitaker, and the trustees were Edward Greaves, Esq., Edmund Newton, John Bell, Thomas Battersbee and Edward Hudson.

Vol. ii., p. 39. Stowve means to lop.

Vol. ii., p. 47. In *Foundations of Manchester*, vol. i., p. 86, it is stated that on October 28, 1576, Dean Nowell represented to the Lord Treasurer the state of the Manchester church lands, and Leasons was appointed to conduct an investigation which proved the charges.

Vol. ii., p. 51. On August 20, 1581, Lord Derby wrote to the lord treasurer that the tithe corn and other the small tithes are most convenient and needful for the Warden and Fellows "to maintain hospitality and to relieve the poor, who are exceeding many in that town and parish." (*Foundations*, i., 107).

Vol. ii., p. 64. In 1585 a crow-net may have been required for catching crows, inasmuch as Hollingworth's *Mancuniensis* states that in 1578 the Manchester churchwardens taxed the parish in almost nine-fifths for destroying crows.

Vol. ii., p. 83. John Lightbowne, the steward of Newton Court, was buried at Manchester December 23, 1667.

Vol. ii., p. 93. Jane, the wife of the Rt. Worshipful Francis Burditte of Burditte, co. York, Esq., was buried at Manchester June 29, 1631. (*Foundations*, ii., 350).

Vol. ii., p. 95. Edward, brother of Humphrey Chetham of Newton, was defendant in proceedings respecting the marriage portion of Mary, widow of Humphrey. The Exchequer Depositions taken at Manchester on January 3, 1683-4, showed that Humphrey owned property in Newton. (Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc., vol. ii., p. 64).

Vol. ii., pt. ii., p. 237. Samuel Haward of Salford by Will dated July 3, 1704, gave to trustees a rent charge of £5 out of premises at Hollinwood, and out of closes in Failsworth, all bought from John Hardman, and the property so charged was given to his nephew John Jones. (Shaw *Oldham Annals*, p. 236).

Vol. ii., pt. ii., p. 242. Nathaniel Jenkinson of Lime Ditch in Failsworth, chapman, and Sarah his wife, in July, 1703, joined John Aynsworth of Westminster, linen-draper, and Susannah his wife, in selling to Edward Byrom land in Salford which had been the inheritance of Adam Byrom of Salford, Esq. Margaret, daughter of Adam Byrom of Salford, was baptised in 1610, and married Henry Bulkley of Standlow, co. Stafford, by whom she had two daughters living in 1684, namely:—Margaret Aynsworth of London, widow, and Elizabeth, wife of John Jenkinson of Woodhouses gent. (Byrom *Remains and Pedigree*, vol. iv., Appendix, p. 39).

The advertisement of the sale of the Lime Ditch property appeared in Harrop's *Manchester General Advertiser*, November 18, 1755.

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OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE CHETHAM SOCIETY,

Read at the Annual Meeting, held by permission of the Feoffees, in the Audit Room of Chetham's Hospital, Manchester, on Thursday, the 13th of October, 1904.

THE volumes issued to the members of the Chetham Society since the last Annual Meeting are the first volume and the first part of the second volume of Mr. H. T. CROFTON'S *History of Newton Chapelry*, being the two volumes for the year 1902–3, and the 52nd and 53rd of the New Series.

With Mr. Crofton's new work the series of Histories of the Ancient Chapelries in Manchester Parish, begun by the late Mr. Booker, is carried another step, and there now only remain the Chapelries of Gorton and Salford to be dealt with on a uniform plan. It may be a matter for consideration whether the Society should undertake them. The former Chapelry has already an annalist in Mr. John Higson, whose *Gorton Historical Recorder* was published in 1852; whilst Salford would be so formidable a task that one may almost despair of finding a volunteer bold enough and able enough for it. Mr. Crofton has displayed remarkable industry and skill in the production of his valuable and entertaining book, which was not undertaken until June last year; and there must be very few matters worthy of note in connection with the subject that have eluded his researches. In addition to full notices of places and persons, he has been able to present ample extracts from the Manor Court Records, beginning in 1530, and he has supplemented these with various references to records of the local

government of Newton, from early days down to the present time. The concluding part of vol. ii. will contain the history of Failsworth, and vol. iii. that of Bradford and Kirkmanshulme. The Council gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Crofton in providing the illustrations, and of bearing a portion of the cost of printing vol. i.

The printing of the third and concluding volume, in three parts, of Mr. W. FARRER'S *Cockersand Chartulary* is nearly completed. It will comprise the Lonsdale and Kendal Charters, with rentals and additional documents, and be provided with a supplementary introduction and full indexes.

The Council are glad to announce that Mr. FARRER has promised to edit the *Chartulary of Lytham Priory*, together with other documents relating to that house. As very little has hitherto been published concerning this priory, Mr. Farrer's new volume may be expected to be one of particular interest.

THE PRESIDENT'S supplementary volume to John Byrom's *Poems and Remains*, will, it is hoped, be issued to the members next year. It will probably be entitled *Byrom Miscellanies*. It is worthy of notice that a Society, called the "Willis-Byrom Club," has been formed at Boston, United States, and that they propose to print an illustrated volume of *Byromiana*.

The completion of Mr. W. O. ROPER'S *Lancaster Church* may also be looked for during the year. The volume will contain chapters on the Priory, the Church Books, the Registers, the Church (with inscriptions), lists of Vicars, &c., and index to the whole work.

Mr. F. C. EELES has kindly offered to contribute a volume containing much inedited information concerning the *Church Goods* of Lancashire and Cheshire at the period of the Reformation. It will form a valuable supplement to the *Inventories of Church Goods in Lancashire*, already printed by the Society.

A document of much interest to Cheshire has been obligingly offered by the REV. J. B. MEDLEY, on behalf of Sir PHILIP MAINWARING. It is the *Diary of Sir Thomas Mainwaring, Bart.*, for the years 1648–9 to 1659, and 1674 to 1688. Sir Thomas was a Cromwellian. He records his meetings with Henry Cromwell and the Duke of Monmouth at Chester, and makes many references to the county families of his time.

The other works already in hand, or suggested, are as follows:—

Account Book of Sir Nicholas Shireburn. Edited by Mr. C. T. Boothman.

History of Lytham. By Lieut. Col. Fishwick.

Lists of Lancashire Protestors.

Early Documents relating to Manchester.

A new edition of Hollingworth's *Mancuniensis.*

A collection of *Cheshire Civil War Tracts.*

A reprint of George More's rare tract on Demoniacal Possession in Lancashire, 1600.

A further volume of *Chetham Miscellanies*, including *the Apostolical Life of Ambrose Barlow*, edited by Mr. W. E. Rhodes, M.A.

The Council regret to record the death of one of their oldest and most esteemed colleagues, Dr. Frank Renaud, who joined the Society in 1860, and became a member of the Council in 1877. He was the author of the *History of Prestbury* (vol. 97, old series), and editor of Canon Raines's *Fellows of the Collegiate Church of Manchester* (vols. 21 and 23, new series). The year's obituary includes Dr. T. G. Law, librarian of the Signet Library, who edited Lawrence Vaux's *Catechism of Christian Doctrine,* to which he prefixed a long and learned introductory memoir (vol. 4, new series). Much of Dr. Law's work is scattered in reviews and transactions, and the Council have heard with pleasure that it is proposed to publish a volume to contain the more important of his historical contributions. The Society has also lost the following members by death:—Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter King at Arms; and Messrs. W. T. Wanklyn, Borough Treasurer of Wigan; Henry Roscoe of Knutsford; James Hodgson of Ulverston; and J. E. Cornish of Manchester.

Dr. *The Treasurer in Account with the Chetham Society for the year ending February 29th, 1904.* **Cr.**

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